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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

S. T. Achenbach, Minister
Thursday, April 3, 8 o'clock: Meeting of the Ladies' Aid with Mrs. John Philbrook.
Sunday, April 6:
10:45: Worship. Lenten sermon.
12:00: Church School.
7:15: Meeting for the hearing of the reports of the delegates to the Y. M. C. A. Boys' Conference at Augusta. Speakers: Garard James, William Chapman, Charles Austin, Willard Dean, Taylor Clough.
Tuesday, April 8, 7:30: Lenten service at the Methodist Church.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Walter W. Wolfe, Minister
Church Calendar, Sunday, April 6:
10:45 A. M.: Devotional service. Sermon topic, "Doubting Thomas."
12:00 Noon: Sunday School service. Children's story sermon. Adult Bible class conducted by the minister. Lesson theme, "The Children of the Kingdom."
7:15 P. M.: Monthly Candle Light Service conducted by the Y. P. C. U., service of inspiration and beauty. Our friends of the Methodist Church will unite with us in this service.
Organ Prelude
Processional, "Onward Christian Soldiers"
Call to Worship, Charles Swan
Lord's Prayer
Organ Prelude
Chorus
Reading from the Persian Scriptures, Pearl Sampson
Duet,
Dorothy Goodnow, Mrs. Doris Bryant
Solo
Old Testament Reading, Freeland Clark
Chorus
New Testament Reading
Prayer by the Minister
Solo,
Offertory
Sermon Talk, Rev. Mr. Oliver
Solo,
Benediction,
April 3, 7:00 P. M. Social meeting of the Alpha Zeta Class at the home of Miss Pearl Sampson.

METHODIST CHURCH

C. B. Oliver, Minister
Rev. Chester B. Oliver, Pastor
Sunday, April 6:
Morning worship, 10:45. The last Sunday of the Conference year. Special music. Sermon by the pastor.
The Sunday School begins at 10 o'clock. There were good reports last Sunday from the Young People's Conference.
Epworth League 6:30 to 7:30. Leader for Sunday, Ermine Tyler. Subject, "Christ Fulfilling His Father's Commission, In His World."
Evening worship with the Universalist people at 7:30. Candle-light service. See special program under Universalist notice. Subject of the evening message will be, "The Captain of the Ship."
The Union Lenten service for Tuesday, April 8, will be at the Methodist church. Rev. S. T. Achenbach will preach.
Notice for this week:
On Thursday P. M., the Ladies' Aid meets with Mrs. Constance Wheeler. The men are watching the attendance and interest of this organization to the extent of sending a delegate to report.

LOCKE'S MILLS

C. B. Oliver, Minister
Church School, 1:30-2:30.
Church worship, 2:30-3:30.
There will be a brief business meeting at the close of the worship period on Sunday.
The annual conference meets at Portland, Maine, April 9-13.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Spring Street
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.
Sunday services at 10:15 A. M.

SCHOOL NOTES

WEST BETHEL GRAMMAR
These are absent one half day during the winter term of twelve weeks as follows: Josephine Lowell, Margaret Kennedy, Mildred Bennett, Ruby Bennett, Beulah Harris, Anna Brooks, Clara Nellie, Robert Jordan and Robert Mason.

SCOUT NOTES

Scouts—Registration Week.
On Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock all Scouts meet at Freeland Clark's. We expect every Scout to be here. Meet us on Thursday evening at Scout Freeland Clark's on Main Street.

Mr. Robert Farwell, who has been several days at his home in town, has returned to his duties at Bethel.

THE J. E. JONES LETTER

IN CONTEMPT OF THE SENATE

A bold defiance of the powers of Congress was brought about by the refusal of Harry F. Sinclair, the "principal" in the Teapot Dome affair, to answer questions put to him by the oil investigating committee. As is well known, the Senate has held him in contempt, there being but one Senator to vote against certifying the matter to the courts. Before Sinclair was put on the stand, his attorney occupied a whole morning in explaining to the Senate committee the position of his client in challenging the rights of the committee, and then the committee took the matter under advisement until the following day before putting Sinclair on the stand. Thus it is clear that the contempt was not occasioned by a clash of temperaments between examiners and the witness; but on the contrary the refusal was deliberate, and intended as a bold challenge to the Senate.

Of course Sinclair has only added to his unpopularity in the Teapot Dome scandal, but it is his "teapot" and not his reputation that he is fighting for in this instance. The Washington Post, in commenting on the issue raised in behalf of Sinclair, says that "the reports of court decisions on matters of this sort are hearteningly short. In the few instances in which the question of Congressional investigative power has been raised, the courts have avoided commitment as to the real issues." Evidently having in mind the recent Supreme Court decision curtailing the powers of investigations of the Federal Trade Commission, the Post asks: "Has Congress the power to constitute itself a general grand jury in investigation of all things under the sun and moon? Has it authority to send committees on 'fishing' expeditions and to clothe them with power to place any and all on the stand?"

The Post management, needless to say, is sympathetic with the position taken by Sinclair in refusing to testify. It is the paper that is owned by Edward H. McLean. Nevertheless the Post editorial is a strong one in stating the case against "fishing expeditions." If the questions raised by Sinclair are really germane to the conduct of legislative inquiries, then not only Congress, but the legislatures of the states will be affected, because a victory in the courts for Sinclair would make it impossible for legislative bodies to proceed with investigations into the merits of any subject along the lines that have been recognized and practiced since the Government was given to us by our fathers. The principle involved is of tremendous importance. The Senate evidently thinks Sinclair is in such a hole that he is like the proverbial drowning man grabbing for a straw. But there are a few able lawyers who are inclined to believe that there may be a good deal more than that to the Sinclair claim.

On the other hand an outraged public cannot forget the fact that the persistent failure of the Senate investigation—and nothing else, has uncovered the oil robbery, and has brought the oil robbers to the open. Had it not been for the Senate oil investigation these men running around with black bags filled with greenbacks, would never have been uncovered. And that is a pretty good thing to remember as the agitation increases to the effect that the Senate is "wasting its time." The Senate oil committee contains in its personnel, a majority of republicans and a minority of democrats, and whoever there may be "playing politics," it can hardly be said that these earnest Senators who are doing the investigating are parties in any such subterfuge.

PUBLIC MEN AND POLITICS

There was a "stag party" one night in Washington, and part of the entertainment was a private exhibition of moving pictures. The highest officials of the Government were there. The subject of the little gathering showed that the best had arranged to have a prize fight staged. The games didn't seem to be foreboding, but they didn't ask for the hats and coats either.

Every well equipped city has stock and bond brokers in order that readers who follow the markets in the best regarded newspapers can buy and sell securities. "Everybody do it," said the colored man. "If they has the money." Then why should politics were new into decide that they had a few shares of each in their safety deposit boxes? The day in the Senate attention was called to the fact that a member was violating the rules by smoking. The offending Senator threw aside his cigar, and remarked in an undertone: "First you people prohibited drinking, and now you draw the line on smoking. Tell me, please, what do you expect to leave for?"

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CHANGE IN DATE OF OPERETTA

The Operetta entitled, "The Isle of Chance," successfully presented by the Y. W. C. A. of Gould's Academy two weeks ago will be repeated at William Bingham Gymnasium on Thursday evening, April 3. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of reference books for the Academy library.

This entertainment was scheduled for Friday evening, Apr. 4, but was changed to April 3 on account of another entertainment being advertised for April 4.

SNOW FALL AT WEST BETHEL THE PAST WINTER

Report of the snow storms as kept by Charles Melonis of West Bethel were as follows:
Nov. 23, 3 inches.
Dec. 2, 2 inches; 11, 4 inches; 16, 1 inch; 23, 2 inches; 25, 2 inches; 28, 12 inches; 31, 1 inch.
Jan. 3, 3 inches; 5, 10 inches; 11, 2 inches; 23, 6 inches.
Feb. 3, 3 inches; 4, 1-2 inches; 5, 1-2 inches; 6, 1 inch; 10, 1 inch; 20, 11 inches.
Mar. 5, 2 inches; 7, 2 inches.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The special committee to arrange for the April 11 program is as follows: Miss Carrie Wright, Mrs. Agnes Twaddle, Rev. C. B. Oliver. Miss Florence Hale will be the speaker.

NORTH NEWRY

The Misses Ella and Amy Hanscom went to South Paris, Thursday. Dan Forbes went to Bethel, Saturday night. He is working for W. B. Wright & Sons.
Jesse Chapman and Leslie Corbett are working in the J. P. Skillings mill at Newry and are boarding at Harvey Allen's.
Ole Olson has bought a new pair of horses.
Charles Tidwell and Lester Lane of Upton were in town, Sunday. They bought two cows of Ole Olson.
Carrie Wright returned to Bethel, Monday.
Mrs. Lester Walker of Grafton was calling on relatives here Saturday.
L. E. Wright is attending court at Portland this week.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Ella R. Brown celebrated her 60th birthday, Wednesday, Mar. 26th. Mrs. W. B. Wright and Miss Carrie Wright were guests for the afternoon, and a very pleasant time enjoyed. Mrs. Brown received many birthday cards and letters also a lovely "angel cake" from her son, P. O. Black, and family. Her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Rigore, served refreshments of ice cream, wafers and cake and fancy cookies.

Mrs. Brown is an exceptionally smart woman for her age and a great hand to write original rhymes and poetry. Being asked by the lecturer to write an original rhyme using the word Grange she composed the following:
O is for grapes, more of which we all need,
And surely must have if we wish to succeed.
R is for right, which will surely prevail,
If we work with our might and never say fail.
A is the axis that we have to grind
When things come up, not just to our mind.
N is the necks which we have to eat,
Furnished by the ladies when asked for a treat.
G is the glasses which the Grange use parts,
And drives all the others out of our hearts.
E stands for everything that is good,
If we only use up to our eyes as we should.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity of extending our grateful appreciation of the many expressions of sympathy from our friends in our recent bereavement. The flowers and neighborly acts of kindness helped to lighten our load of sorrow.

Mrs. A. R. Farwell,
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Sherwood,
Mrs. Lena E. Wright,
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Philbrick,
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Farwell,
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barker,
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cummings,
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Farwell.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirtbridge of Portland, N. H., are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a new son, daughter in their home March 26th.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mr. Rooney of Gorham, N. H., was in town one day last week.

Mr. E. F. Blabac has sold his Ford sedan to Mr. Clifford Rand.

Mrs. Robert Clough is caring for Mrs. Calvin Cummings in Albany.

Mr. J. M. Fraser is spending some time in town with L. W. Morse.

Mrs. W. J. Upson and her sister who is her guest were in Portland, Friday.

Mr. Marshall Hastings recently presented his daughter, Ruth, with a Ford coupe.

Mrs. Gibbs of North Paris is the guest of her son, A. H. Gibbs, and family.

Mrs. Alma Mitchell, who is staying in Ramford, was in town, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Bert Bennett and little daughter, Jane, have returned to their home in Gilead.

Mrs. P. C. Andrews has returned home from Albany where she has been visiting her sister.

Master John Pollock of Boston, Mass., is visiting at the home of his aunt, Mrs. H. A. Packard.

Mr. Arthur D. Forbes and Miss Lola Chandler were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Forbes.

Mr. Owen Demeritt and daughter, Louise, spent a few days in camp at Ketchum, recently.

Mrs. Mark Lapham and daughter, Sylvia, of Locke's Mills were guests of relatives in town, Friday.

Mrs. H. L. Bean and little daughter, Muriel Edwina, returned to their home on Spring Street, Saturday.

Mrs. W. G. Emery and daughter, Elizabeth, are spending a few days at their home on Sunday River.

Mrs. Potter from Richmond, spent Friday with her daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Hall.

Mr. J. S. Hutchins, who has been confined to his home by illness the past week, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Carrie Ann spent a few days in Berlin, Milan and Dunbar, N. H., last week as the guest of relatives.

Miss Mary Chapman is moving into the rent in the house occupied by Harlan Wheeler on Church Street.

Misses Wilma and Margarette Hall are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Buck, on Swan's Hill.

Mrs. Joane Bennett has returned from Colebrook, N. H., and is assisting Mrs. Levi Brown with her housework.

Mr. W. C. Bryant has made improvements in his store by the addition of two new silent salesmen showcases.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Demeritt and grandson, Alton, were guests of their daughter at Randolph, N. H., last week.

Mrs. M. A. G. G. is at her home on Church Street. Mr. Adeline Stearns is spending a few days at the G. G. G. home.

Don't forget the masquerade ball at the Grange Hall, Friday evening of this week. Come in rags and tags but not in velvet gowns.

Mrs. Harriet Twaddle has returned from Augusta and Lewiston where she has been the guest of Mr. (G. G. G.) Twaddle and Mrs. O. A. Brown.

Many of our readers will be interested to know that the Glen House at the foot of Mt. Washington was burned to the ground one night last week.

Something out of the ordinary—thunder and lightning and a snow storm all at the same time. This happened Sunday morning at half past six.

Mrs. R. A. Sherwood of Salem, Mass., Mrs. Lena Wright of Ramford, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Philbrick of Newmarket, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cummings of Haveret, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farwell of Ramford and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barker of Middle Intervale were in town to attend the funeral of their father, William Farwell, last Friday.

MINSTREL SHOW

The Moonlight Cabaret Minstrel show given by members and friends for the benefit of the George A. Mundt Post was a success in all ways.

The idea of the cabaret was a new and unique one in the history of minstrel shows, and the singing guests and waiters was a pleasing innovation.

The local quips were many and of all styles of humor and otherwise.

The local radio demonstration afforded a clever "take-off" on our local fans as well as a timely exhibition of some of our best local talent. The instigators of this original scheme deserve credit for a large share of the success of the whole.

The singing was good and greatly enjoyed and applauded by the crowded house that testified to the loyalty of the townspeople to a laudable cause.

The Post Commander and Committee in charge to wish to express special thanks to the following people who by their generous aid, and contribution of their time and talent, made possible the pleasant and profitable venture: Mrs. Emma Young, Mr. Garey, Mr. Moore, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Eugene Vandenberg.

Miss Ruth Billings spent the week end in Lewiston.

Mr. E. H. Smith was in Portland on business, Monday.

Miss Doris Simonds has completed her duties at Maple Inn.

Mr. Dana Hall is able to walk around with a little assistance.

Mrs. Mattie Clark has been having the prevailing grip cold.

Gould's Academy opened Tuesday after a two days vacation.

Miss W. C. Bryant is confined to her home on Summer Street by illness.

Mrs. A. L. Bryant of Foxcroft is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Farwell.

Misses Betty and Pauline Browne were recent guests of Miss Ruth Bennett.

Mrs. Irving French of Newry spent a few days with Mrs. C. K. Fox last week.

Malcom Bean, Esq. of Boston, Mass., was the week end guest of friends in town.

Mr. Richard Verille is home for the Easter recess with his parents on Mechanic Street.

About eight inches of snow has fallen today (Wednesday) up to the time of going to press.

Mrs. Beattie Sloane spent the week end in Lewiston, the guest of her son, Roger T. Sloane.

Miss Dorothy Parsons was the week end guest of her cousin, Miss Eleanor Lyon, on Grover Hill.

Miss Ruth Crosby of Arlington, Mass., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Earl Williamson, and family.

Mrs. Fred Wheeler and baby of 8, Paris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lutton the first of the week.

Schools closed in the village last Friday and the teachers have gone to their homes for a two weeks vacation.

Miss Mildred Bartlett is spending her vacation with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Roger T. Sloane, of Lewiston.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien returned to his duties at Bethel Inn the first of the week after enjoying a two weeks vacation in Boston, Mass., and Nashua, N. H.

Miss Mary Bowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bowler, formerly of Bethel, won the first prize in the prize speaking contest at Portland High School last Friday evening.

Mr. Luther E. Morse of Lewiston and Miss Lillian E. Morse of Walnut Hill, Maine, came Saturday as guests of their aunt, Edith L. Morse. Miss Lillian will remain for the week, her brother returned to Lewiston, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Bach is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. William Farwell during the absence of Mrs. Lena Wright, who has gone to her home in Ramford to get a few things as she will make her home with her mother, Mrs. Farwell.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The following program was given by pupils and teachers, Clara S. Mason, Grammar, and Katherine M. Brown, Primary, of the West Bethel school, at the Grange Hall, Thursday evening, March 27, to mark the closing of the winter term.

Flag song, Upper Grades
Recitation, "Lincoln," George Westleigh
Recitation, "Pussy Willows," Kathryn Lowell
"Washington Monument," Four Boys and Girls
Recitation, "Like Washington," Junior Jordan
Recitation, "A Few Don't's," Roger Whipple
Song, "Whip-Poor-Will," Lower Grades
Recitation, "Time," Esther Burris
Recitation, "Mr. Sun," Beulah Burris
Recitation, "The Sick Boy," Ernest Westleigh
Good English Song, Upper Grades
Dialogue, "Lincoln," Five Boys and Girls
Recitation, "Valentines," Robert Jordan
Piano duet, Hazel and Frederick Grover
Drill, Six Girls
Concert reading, Upper Grades
Recitation, Eugene Cushing
Recitation, Almon Jordan
Song, "Geo. Washington," Three Boys
Recitation, Donald Lutton
Procession of the Flowers, Eight Girls
Recitation, Albert Wheeler
Composition, "St. Patrick," Alton Lutton
Piano solo, Josephine Lowell
Safety First Drill, Ten Pupils
Song, "St. Patrick," Six Girls
Recitation, "Spring," Wilma Martin
Song, "Lily Bug," Primary Grades
Recitation, "Edison," Wallace Kessell
Greeting to the Birds, Seven Boys and Girls
Patriotic Cantata, Primary Grades
After the program, music was furnished by the Grange orchestra and the children played games until all were called to the bountiful supper of sandwiches, cake and hot coffee, which was prepared through the willing efforts of the mothers.
The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Miss Katherine Kendrick, who has been the guest of her mother and aunt, returned to her school in Darton, Vt., Monday.

Mr. Howard Tyler has resumed his duties at the store of C. K. Fox after being confined to his home by illness for several days.

Miss Muriel Park was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Killion at the Lafayette Hotel in Portland, Friday and Saturday of last week.

Don't forget the Operetta to be given at the William Bingham Gymnasium on Thursday, April 3. Notice the change of date from April 4 to April 3.

Mr. Clarence Philbrick returned to school in Vermont, Tuesday, after spending a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Philbrick.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Mackie are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son on Thursday, March 27. Mrs. D. H. Spearin is caring for mother and son.

Mrs. J. C. Billings entertained the Ladies' Club last Thursday. An interesting program was given, the subject being "Immigration," and Miss Whitehead kindly rendered several piano solos which were greatly appreciated.

Friends of Mr. Rodney Bartlett will be pleased to know that he was chosen as one of the pitchers on the varsity baseball team of Hamilton College, thus enabling him as a Freshman to accompany the team on their southern trip.

Mr. R. W. Kimball was over week end guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Howe, and family.

Mrs. N. R. Rich and daughter, Miss Jennie Rich, of Berlin, N. H., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bean and other relatives here.

Mr. Chas. Dean of Ramford was over week end guest of Mrs. Carrie Bartlett and family.

Mr. C. J. Parkman of Bryant's Pond was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Hastings.

Mr. R. L. Brown is saving his wood by engine power.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown, Locke's Mills.

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ASKED AND ANSWERED

ANNOUNCEMENT
This is a big new feature in The Oxford County Citizen. Send in your questions, and address them to U. B. Press Association, Continental Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Send two cents in stamps for reply. Do not include medical, legal, courtship and marital questions, or expect attention to matters requiring extensive research. Mention the paper when you write.

Q. Who was the author of "Silver Threads Among the Gold"? I have recently seen credit given to Hart P. Danks and Allen R. Bedford.
This famous song was written by Mr. Bedford, of Bethel, Wisconsin. Perhaps the confusion of authorship is due to the fact that Mr. Danks wrote the words to the words.

Q. What is the status of a naturalized American citizen?
When any naturalized citizen shall have resided for two years in the foreign state from which he came, or for five years in any other foreign state, it is presumed that he has ceased to be an American citizen. If such a naturalized American desires to maintain his residence in the United States the obligation is upon him to present satisfactory evidence that he is but temporarily away from the United States. Under such circumstances the Department of State may, under its rules and regulations, permit him to retain his citizenship in his country. No American citizen is allowed to expatriate himself when this country is at war.

Q. I would like to know the cause of the difference between the sun and moon as to vegetation on the surface of the earth and bodies of water.
The difference in the amount of water on the surface of the earth and bodies of water is due to the fact that the sun is much hotter than the moon. The sun's heat causes the water to evaporate, and the moon's heat causes the water to freeze. This difference in temperature is due to the fact that the sun is much closer to the earth than the moon is.

Q. What is meant by the British system?
It is a method devised for the classification of elements by the Alchemists of the 16th century. By this system each element is assigned a number, and the numbers are used to classify the elements. The British system is a method of classifying elements based on their atomic weights.

Q. What is the significance of the word "weight" in the French quatrain?
It is a word of weight, used in different countries. The old French quatrain contained about 100 pounds of gold, but the modern quatrain is approximately 250 pounds of gold.

Q. How did the Bay of Pigs originate?
This organization was founded in 1904 by Mr. R. B. Haden, of the Bethel, Maine, to promote good citizenship by creating in boys a spirit of civic duty and to induce them to take an active part in the life of the community. The Bay of Pigs is a body of water in the state of New York, and it is named after the fact that it is a bay of pigs.

Q. Who was guilty of originating the custom of eating meat?
Without attempting to settle the personality of "Eve" it appears that a Prehistoric animal, possibly a pig, was the first to eat meat. The custom of eating meat is a very old one, and it is believed that it originated with the first man.

Q. What is the name of the first man?
The name of the first man is Adam. He was the first man to be created by God, and he was the first man to be born. He was the first man to be a man, and he was the first man to be a man.

Q. What is the name of the first woman?
The name of the first woman is Eve. She was the first woman to be created by God, and she was the first woman to be born. She was the first woman to be a woman, and she was the first woman to be a woman.

Q. What is the name of the first child?
The name of the first child is Cain. He was the first child to be born to Adam and Eve, and he was the first child to be a child. He was the first child to be a child, and he was the first child to be a child.

Q. What is the name of the first animal?
The name of the first animal is Adam. He was the first animal to be created by God, and he was the first animal to be born. He was the first animal to be an animal, and he was the first animal to be an animal.

Q. What is the name of the first plant?
The name of the first plant is Adam. He was the first plant to be created by God, and he was the first plant to be born. He was the first plant to be a plant, and he was the first plant to be a plant.

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also as having among the face of law. Common law is the basis of jurisprudence of all States, and has not been modified by statutory provisions.
Q. Was Miles Standish a civilian or a soldier?
In the main he was a soldier. He fought as an English captain in the Netherlands against the Spanish conquerors. He came to Plymouth with the Pilgrims on board the Mayflower, and became the military head of the Colony, as well as its treasurer and counselor. Miles Standish seems to have made good in every capacity until he sought the hand of Priscilla, and the aid of John Alden.

Q. What is the alphabet?
Sometimes it is good and sometimes it is bad, but strictly speaking it is "luck or chance as to what may be in the pot, or may be provided for a meal." It is food on hand without extra preparation.
Q. What letters in the alphabet are most used, and what initials for names are most common?
In general use the e, t, and n, are most frequent. The letter e is the only one in the alphabet that is given a specially large box in the printer's case. As initials, "e," "t," and "n" are most in evidence.

Q. What is meant by the old term "Common Heath, or Heather?"
It is the plant whose flowers render the slopes of most Scottish hills pink in autumn, and the one so abundant in the English Forest. It is a genus of plants and the term of description is botanic and British.

Q. How often is the census taken, and why the reference to it as the "decennial census?"
The definition for decennial is that which "happens every ten years." Certain phases of the census are covered at that period, including population, agriculture, mines and mining, and forest products. Besides the census the Bureau takes decennial statistics on wealth, public debt, taxation, and principal national statistics on federal, state, county, city and township governments. The decennial statistics are also secured by referring to statistics on institutions, including paupers, prisons, and juvenile delinquency.

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of the War Department was \$371,311,000; the navy \$323,218,000.
Q. What was the origin of "Brother Jonathan?"
General Washington on assuming command of the New England revolutionary forces was in great straits for arms and war material. The Governor of Connecticut, Jonathan Trumbull, was a man of excellent judgment and an esteemed friend of Washington. In the emergency Washington said "we must consult Brother Jonathan." The frequent repetition of the expression in the term being applied as descriptive of the people of the United States in a manner similar to the accustomed use of the term John Bull in England.

MAINE WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW
Portland—Construction of \$109,000 community house for Chestnut street Methodist church to be completed September 1.
Bangor—City purchases new fire equipment costing \$5,000.
Portland—\$18,000 apartment house to be built on Congress street.
Old Town—Farmers in this vicinity organizing cooperative creamery.
Portland—New Y. M. C. A. building to be erected at cost of \$400,000.
Madawaska—Proposed construction of big paper mill by combined interests of Brown Brothers and Fraser Company reported.

Portland—Maine Central railroad places order with Locomotive Car Company of New Hampshire for 250 box cars.
Portland—February building permits totaled \$197,000, an increase of \$160,000 over corresponding month in 1923.

LOOKER'S MILLS
Leicester and Donald Teltbets work in Boston on business last week.
Mrs. Washington Heald of North

STERLING FIRE INS. CO.
Indianapolis, Ind.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Real Estate, \$10,237.81
Mortgage Loans, \$2,238,034.24
Stocks and Bonds, \$33,609.31
Cash in Office and Bank, \$26,323.33
Agents' Balances, \$33,728.33
Interest and Rents, \$4,248.76
Gross Assets, \$2,355,172.55
Deduct items not admitted, \$5,453.00
Admitted, \$2,349,719.55
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,181,043.25
Unearned Premiums, \$3,009.00
All other Liabilities, \$35,000.00
Cash Capital, \$850,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$600,000.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,349,719.55

BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, ONTARIO
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,788,100.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$301,742.02
Agents' Balances, \$190,653.31
Interest and Rents, \$5,088.76
All other Assets, \$6,185.00
Gross Assets, \$2,321,679.09
Deduct items not admitted, \$1,933.01
Admitted, \$2,319,746.08
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,180,000.00
Unearned Premiums, \$3,000.00
All other Liabilities, \$35,000.00
Cash Capital, \$850,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$600,000.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,319,746.08

GENERAL ACCIDENT FIRE & LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Real Estate, \$308,402.91
Stocks and Bonds, \$2,110,317.69
Cash in Office and Bank, \$315,000.00
Agents' Balances, \$7,784,004.74
Interest and Rents, \$7,001.95
All other Assets, \$2,001.95
Gross Assets, \$11,427,733.24
Deduct items not admitted, \$33,447.81
Admitted, \$11,394,285.43
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
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THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY, Hartford, Conn.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Real Estate, \$3,947,007.13
Mortgage Loans, \$1,125,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,125,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$1,125,000.00
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Buckfield was a guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Crockett, last week.
Mr. and Mrs. King Bartlett were in South Paris Saturday.
Mrs. Ernest Cole was taken to the C. M. G. Hospital Wednesday for an operation for appendicitis.
Autos are beginning to appear on the roads from Bethel and Bryant's Pond.

UNITED STATES CASUALTY COMPANY
80 Maiden Lane, New York, N. Y.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Mortgage Loans, \$5,707,100.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$7,035,800.87
Cash in Office and Bank, \$135,545.87
Agents' Balances, \$1,040.27
Premiums in course of collection, \$1,164,275.00
Interest and Rents, \$9,903.25
All other Assets, \$12,712.50
Gross Assets, \$14,011,037.52
Deduct items not admitted, \$698,431.14
Admitted, \$13,312,606.38
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$4,200,000.00
Unearned Premiums, \$2,070,000.00
All other Liabilities, \$2,040,000.00
Cash Capital, \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,081,331.38
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$13,312,606.38

THE HOME INSURANCE CO., N. Y.
E. O. Snow, President
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Mortgage Loans, \$1,125,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,125,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$1,125,000.00
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U. S. BRANCH LIFE INSURANCE OFFICE
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Mortgage Loans, \$1,125,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,125,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$1,125,000.00
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VICTORY INS. CO.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Mortgage Loans, \$1,125,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,125,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$1,125,000.00
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UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE CO., New York City, N. Y.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
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Stocks and Bonds, \$1,125,000.00
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THE FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF PHILADELPHIA, Pa.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Real Estate, \$1,125,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,125,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$1,125,000.00
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MILWAUKEE MECHANICAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Milwaukee, Wis.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Real Estate, \$1,125,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,125,000.00
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BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

Prepared by the Boston Office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

For Week Ending March 28, 1924

BRIGHTON LIVESTOCK AND BOSTON WESTERN DRESSED MEATS
Hog receipts normal, market steady. Cattle normal. Bulk of sales \$7.00-1.00, few \$12.50.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

California iceberg lettuce, Texas cabbage and spinach, and Florida strawberries were higher but most lines of shipped-in fruits and vegetables showed small price changes during the week. Crates of 4 dozen heads of California lettuce ranged mostly around \$3.00-5.50 with a small volume of fancy stock as high as \$6.00. Texas cabbage basket closed stronger at a range of \$2.25-3.35 per bu. basket. Florida strawberries were rather green but in shorter supply and sold as high as 70c per crate. Closing prices of other Florida lines follow: Peppers, fancy 6, choice \$2.50 per crate, spaghetti, supplies light, \$2.00-2.50 per crate. Tomatoes, original and extra basket crates, best ripe and turning \$2.75-3.00, repacked stock \$3.50-4.50. String beans 3 bu. hampers \$2.50-7.00 according to quality. Golden Heart and French grain celery in the rough, \$4-5, mostly \$4 per crate. Oregon broccoli and California cauliflower and broccoli, crates of 5-12 heads, ranged mostly \$2.00-2.75. Maine fifteen Mt. potatoes were unsold at \$1.50-2.00 per 100 lb. bag. Mass. N. Y. and Ind. Yellow onions in 100 lb. bags sold at \$1.50-2.75 per bag, according to size and quality. New Flat type cabbage from Texas, packed locally closed firm at \$2.75 per barrel, and \$3.00 per 75 bags. California asparagus arrived in morning, mostly unsold well at \$5-7 per crate of 12 bunches. Apples continued very weak, best Baldwin's A 2 1/2 up from Mass. N. H. and N. Y. stores moved mostly 10-15c according to quality, with a few fancy packs 15-6 per barrel. Northwestern extra Fancy Wisconsin medium large ranged \$2.00-2.50 per bu. basket. Florida oranges were steady, closing at a range of \$2.00-3.00 and grapefruit were practically unchanged at a range of \$2.00-3.00 per box.

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Dressed poultry market rules unsettled and quiet on low export for cheap fowl up to 25c. Poultry 5 lb. 30-35c, 4-1/2 lb. 30-35c, 3-1/2 lb. 25-30c. Chickens: 8 lb. 21-25c, 4-1/2 lb. 20-25c, quality poor. Stags firm, heavy 25-30c, small 20-25c. Live poultry easy with receipts light and demand moderate at irregular prices. Poultry 25c, chickens 25-30c. Butter market featured by sharp declines and at close verges on depression. Buyers were conservative, critical as to quality and were not anticipating future requirements. Sellers were pushing sales on all grades. Supply burdensome and extreme weakness at other distributing markets reflecting here. Centralized carlots moved slowly, buyers preferring smaller lots. Sellers were anxious to sell. \$2 score 41 1/2c, 50-51 score 43c, 55-59 score 42-44c, 51 score 41 1/2c. Eggs: Market closed weak, supplies heavy and expected arrivals heavy. Trade continuing moderate and for consumptive needs. Westerns Extras 25-27c. Extra firsts 24-26c, firsts 23-24c, seconds 22-24c, nearby hensters 27-28c with fancy browns up to 29c.

RECENT CASES

A sealed verdict for \$17,387.12 was returned in superior court at Lawrence, Mass., in the case of Frank and Howard Hand of Merrimack and Haverhill, against the Gray & Davis Company of Cambridge. The plaintiffs alleged they had invented and patented a headlight reflector for automobiles, locomotives and street cars and that the defendant firm had undertaken to manufacture them. It was further alleged that the defendant firm failed to follow specifications and that as a result the finished product was a failure, causing the plaintiffs to lose a considerable sum of money.

MEMBERS OF THE AMALGAMATED SHOE WORKERS OF AMERICA

are restrained from picketing the shoe factory of the Gregory Head Company in Lynn, Mass., by order of Judge Sanderson of the superior court, who said that he would replace a former temporary order which had been requested by attorneys for the firm. An open-shop policy was established by the firm a few months ago, when it broke relations with the Amalgamated and announced that in the future it would deal directly with its employees through the shop representation plan. Since that time more than 200 former members of the union have become employees at the factory and the Amalgamated has maintained pickets in front of the factory, on Washington street.

MEMBERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS

last week observed the 76th anniversary of the advent of modern spiritualism in Paul Hyatt's hall, Mechanics building of Boston. William G. Tyrrell, president of the association, presided and opened the morning session with an address of welcome. Four attended the morning and afternoon sessions but there was a larger turnout for the evening session, at which Dr. George H. Warren, president of the National Spiritualists Association, was the principal speaker. Other speakers at this session were the Rev. F. A. Wiggins, pastor of the Unity Church (Spiritualist) of Boston, and Mrs. Margaret J. Butler, president of the Ladies' Lyceum Union. All the speakers referred to the wonder of the spiritualist movement and several ascribed this to persecution and said it was only with great difficulty they were able to meet and spread the doctrine.

IN Obedience of the order issued by the mercantile bureau of Worcester's Chamber of Commerce

that all merchant members should close their places of business all day Patriots day, and should remain open Wednesday afternoon and close all week days at 5 P. M. member merchants dealing in men's wear of every description voted to keep their stores open until 5 P. M. Patriots day, as usual and to close all day the following Monday, April 21. They also voted to close their stores Wednesday of Patriots day during the summer months.

PARAGRAPHS FOR THE NEW ENGLANDER

News of General Interest From the Six States

Announcement is made that the corner stone of the \$1,000,000 Masonic Temple being erected by the Masonic bodies of Springfield, Mass., will be laid on St. John's Day, June 24.

James C. Boyd was elected president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of governors. Edmund H. McDonald was re-elected executive secretary.

A Hartford insurance company has insured the peach crop of growers represented in the Georgia Peach Growers Exchange. Weather, crop transportation and fire hazards are covered.

Forty-eight horses were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a stable in the Roxbury district, Boston. Patrolmen rescued 12 other horses. The damage was placed at \$25,000.

Application for extension of the Arcticcoast Valley Railroad from New Sweden, a distance of twenty-seven miles to St. Agatha, Maine, has been made to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Bishop Edwin A. Hughes was unanimously re-elected bishop of the New England Southern Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the organization meeting of the 34th conference held in Providence, R. I., last week.

Newcastle, Maine, is looking forward to a busier season, this summer, since Israel Snow of Rockland has leased the Newcastle shipbuilding plant and will operate a mill and ship there. His first order will be the construction of a fifty-foot fishing vessel for a Rockland party.

Forty years ago the first telephone line between Boston and New York was opened. Today there are over 60 telephone circuits connecting the two cities, over which nearly 2500 calls are made daily. The opening of that line on March 27, 1884, was an important event in long distance telephony.

The Eastern States Farmers' Exchange brought more freight into New England during 1923 than any other single agency, the department of agriculture stated, in declaring its record an example of successful cooperative effort and "more evidence of what can be accomplished by the farmer."

By a vote of three to two, the Haverhill (Mass.) city council has added 12 permanent men to the fire department. This comes as a result of a request by Fire Chief Hawkins to add a flying squadron. This squadron will be established May 1 and the men will answer every fire in the city, whether a telephone or bell alarm.

The exchange, which recently held its annual meeting at Springfield, has 12,500 farmer members, distributed 97,000 tons of feed, grain, fertilizer and seeds during 1923 at a wholesale cost of \$1,621,000, handled almost 6000 carloads of freight and increased its business 120 per cent. over 1922.

As a result of refusing to heed the court's suggestion that they wind up their chiropractic practice in Boston, William E. MacDougal and Joseph C. Jasper, found guilty several weeks ago of holding themselves out as practitioners of medicine and illegally practicing medicine, were given sentences of one month each and \$300 fines. The cases were tried before Judge Flynn.

Mrs. Augusta S. Frederick observed her 91st birthday at Bethel, Maine, entertaining guests at luncheon followed by session at her home. Mrs. Frederick was secretary of her father, Dr. Phineas P. Quimby, when he practiced in Portland, at which time Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy was his student and patient in mental healing.

The election by the trustees of Lyford A. Morrow of Contra Oculopoe N. H. and Malden, as treasurer of Boston University, has been announced by President Leonard H. Martin. Mr. Morrow is president of the Underhay Oil Company of Boston and is president and treasurer of the New England Oil, Paint and Varnish Company of Boston.

There will be an unusual date of spring before this year, for 50 date Chester J. Campbell has received 15 applications from couples who are willing to stand the strain of the highlight and publicity that goes with the marriage ceremony which is an annual feature of the House Beautiful show to be held in Boston the latter part of this month.

"The Witch House," Salem's oldest building, in which in 1692 Jonathan Corwin, one of the "witch judges," conducted his investigations and trials, was damaged by fire. The blaze, originating in a laundry in an annex, broke through into the garret of "The Witch House," seriously damaging many relics stored there and resulting in smoke and water damage to the rest of the building. A portion of the roof was burned away.

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Some time—some day—some hour—in the near or far future, you will yearn for the touch of my friendly hand. I am your comforter and your best friend. I'm calling you. I am the church.

CANTON

Mrs. Rosella Bicknell is making an extended visit with friends in Dixfield and Rumford.

Mrs. Roy Burgess has been visiting her father, John Merrill, of Sumner. Mrs. Fred Hutchinson and son, Fred, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bishop of Smith's Crossing.

Thelma Bicknell of Lewiston has been a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bicknell.

Bohney and Urban McCollister have completed their contract in Houghton and returned home.

A special meeting of the Ladies' Circle was held at Canton Point, Wednesday, for the school pupils. Dinner was served at noon, and a social time was enjoyed by all.

A delightful party of old friends was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allison Pines of Upham Street, Methuen, Mass., most of whom were born and formerly lived in Canton. The hostess, Mrs. Nora Brown Pines, was born at Canton Point, a daughter of the late Calvin Brown and Harriet Ellis Brown, who were prominent residents of Canton years ago.

The guests present were Mrs. Pines' two sisters, Miss Letta Brown and Miss Mary Brown of Malden, Mrs. Hattie Cunningham Brown of Portland, Mrs. Lucie Ellis Parker of Beverly, Mass., Miss Mary L. Hadley of Methuen, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Mitchell of West Somerville, Miss Mary N. Richardson of Boston, and Mrs. William A. Lucas of Canton. A delicious dinner was served by the hostess, the table looking very springlike, with yellow baskets and roses for favors. The day was most enjoyably spent in this hospitable home among so many dear friends of former years, and will long be pleasantly remembered.

Among the cases of measles are Walden Morse, Russell, Leo and Ralph York, Helen Sampson, Phyllis Boothby, Evelyn and Catherine Tucker, Doris Dooney and Louise Hutchinson.

Mrs. Louis Stetson is visiting her son, Albert Dodge, and family of St. Paris. Mrs. Abbie Proctor has been spending a few days in Auburn with her sister, Mrs. Viola Hathaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Patterson left Saturday for Boston, where they will meet Mr. Patterson's sister, Mrs. Bertha Margaret of Hyde Park, and Mrs. Melba Jones of Everett.

Doris Elmes has been visiting relatives in Jay.

The Ladies' Aid of the United Baptist Church will hold an all day meeting at the vestry on Thursday. The grade school opened Monday.

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The opening of the high school has been postponed a week on account of the many cases of measles.

Ethel Rich has gone to Wrentham, Mass., where she has a position as attendant in the children's hospital.

WEST PARIS

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union observed the fifth Sunday union service at the Methodist Church. The program was in charge of Mrs. Lena Herick and was very efficiently carried out. The motto was "Saving America." Exercises by the children, readings and remarks by the adults were in accord with the subject of Prohibition, and the motto for the evening. The flag exercises were effective. Several selections were sung by a chorus of young ladies.

There will be a public card party and dance Saturday evening, April 5, at Grange Hall.

The three act drama, "The Path Across the Hill," was presented at Grange Hall, Thursday evening to a full house. The actors all deserve much praise for the pleasing manner in which the play was given, and the specialties between the acts were entertaining features of the evening. Supper was served from 6:30 to 7:00 o'clock, and there was a very appetizing menu which attracted a good crowd. The affair was highly successful and a good sum netted for the Grange.

The grade school held a social Tuesday evening, and Wednesday evening the high school held a public box supper. Harry Patch was in Augusta, Wednesday.

Mrs. Mabel Mann and Mrs. Addie Mann were at Norway, Friday.

Dr. F. H. Packard was called to Winthrop recently by the death of his brother, James H. Packard.

The mothers of the grade school children will meet with Mrs. Ethel Penley, Thursday afternoon to work for the sale. Home made candy will be on sale during the afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Universalist parish was held Tuesday evening.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator—H. H. Wardwell.

Choir—H. C. Perham.

Treasurer—L. C. Bates.

Trustees—L. C. Bates, E. D. Stilwell, C. F. Borden.

Chorister—Mrs. H. H. Wardwell.

Mrs. Clayton Churchill of St. Paris was in town Thursday and attended the drama.

Miss Ethel Flavin is at home for a vacation from teaching at Norway.

HANOVER

A. T. Powers, who has been ill for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism, is convalescing slowly, and is to be about, but is not able to be out of doors.

Mrs. Lewis Andrews (Lilli Smith) of South Paris was an over Sunday visitor with her daughters, Nellie, Clarice and baby Elizabeth, at her father's, A. T. Powers'.

Mrs. Dyke, who has been at Upper Dues for the winter, returned to Hanover recently for a few weeks.

H. B. Smith & Co., who have been cutting pine on their lot in Andover, have fished and have landed the finest lot of pine that ever went into Ellis River. There were about one hundred of these trees that scaled around two thousand feet apiece, the largest one scaling thirty six hundred and eighty five feet.

Will Holt has returned to Indian Rock Camp and already things are beginning to hum around the lake.

Ernest Moore and Glendon Hatchias go this week to Augusta as delegates to the Boys' Conference.

Rehearsal began Monday, March 31, in both districts, with the same teachers, Miss Harrington and Miss Martin.

Maple sugar making is at its best. Wax on snow! Yes! help yourself please. Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitants have we had such a wonder!

ful, beautiful, balmy, tropical, open-faced winter as we've had this winter. From November 1st until Feb. 1st the New England climate was simply one period of ideal perfection that made Florida and southern California bilious with envy.

GROVER HILL

Mrs. Carrie S. Grover from Gorham is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Spinnay, and other relatives in town. Miss Ida M. Haselton has returned from Skillington, where she has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson the past week.

Ernest and Bertha Mundi, who have been at home during the Easter vacation, returned to Gould's Academy, Monday.

Mr. H. M. Verrill, carrier on route 4, came with a wagon March 31st, and last year not until April 17th.

True Browne came home last week from Sunday River, where he had been in the employ of Harry Bryant this winter.

J. A. McKenzie and sons hauled two loads of hay from the True Browne farm last week.

Alfred J. Peaslee is at home from Norway, where he has been working in the Tebbets birch mill.

Schools are enjoying a two weeks' recess at their respective homes.

Miss Dorothy Parsons and Eleanor Lyon were guests of Miss Evelyn Whitman, Saturday, at her home, Elmhurst.

Karl Stearns and the Hutchinson brothers, who have employment in the Stowell mill, are boarding at home.

Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson was the guest of Mrs. M. F. Tyler one day last week.

Mrs. Lyman Wheeler from Bethel was here with his wood sawing outfit last week.

Fred Mundi and C. L. Whitman are helping J. A. McKenzie in the woods.

Alice and Warren Tyler, who have been ill, are able to be out again.

WEST BETHEL

The school closed Friday for a vacation of two weeks. The teachers, Clara

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SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hill returned home Friday after spending the winter in West Haven.

O. T. Green was at Roy Wardwell's, Monday, after the drug saw machine.

A heavy thunder shower passed over this vicinity Sunday morning. The lightning struck a telephone pole in front of Charles Morry's house.

W. I. Decker was a dinner guest at J. A. Kimball's, Monday.

Lee Lord is sick with a hard cold. The Selectmen were in session at the town house, Tuesday, April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Wardwell attended the "Spasm" Saturday night.

E. H. Merrill was a business visitor in Norway, Monday.

Harold Caswell called on his friend, Jean Kimball, Monday.

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GILKAD

Mrs. Lola Lary of Bethel is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. T. Heath.

George Kimball of Bryant's Pond spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kimball.

Alexander Simpson has returned to Portland after spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Leighton.

Mrs. Grace Estes is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Gertrude Emery of Percy, N. H., is cooking at G. E. Leighton's boarding house.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kimball of So. Paris were guests of his mother, Mrs. Adeline Kimball, last Sunday.

George Leighton was a business visitor in Lawrence, Mass., last week.

There was a social dance at the town hall last Saturday evening.

Mr. J. A. McElroy was a business visitor in Auburn last week.

Ira Cole and family of Raymond were recent guests at G. E. Leighton's.

S. S. Greenleaf of Bethel was in town one day last week.

Mrs. Laura Bennett was in Gorham, N. H., last Monday.

Herman Mason of Bethel was a visitor in this vicinity, Monday.

Miss Janet Fraser has returned home from Jefferson, N. H., after spending the winter with relatives there.

Mrs. Myrtle Adams and family have moved to Gorham, N. H.

Philip Lester of Berlin, N. H., is visiting his brother, Larry Lester, and family.

Mrs. Florence Bryant was in Berlin, N. H., one day last week.

Mrs. Stella Tucker and son, Donald, were recent visitors in Portland.

H. A. Goble has returned home from Troy, N. Y.

SUNDAY RIVER

Riley Hargess was called to Portland, Saturday, by the illness of his son.

School commenced Monday with Miss Agnes Foster as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williamson and family are staying with Mr. Albert Emery for the present.

Ray Bennett has moved into the Godwin house, and is working in Bryant's mill.

That Littlefield is doing some papering and painting at Will Spinary's.

Dr. Bailey is spending his vacation with his parents at the farm.

Joe Egan recently purchased a cow of Harry Williamson.

MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD

Lester Coolidge and Mrs. Wallace Coolidge spent Sunday at J. P. Coolidge's.

Miss Ethel Capen and Alice Chapman were in Lewiston, Saturday, on business.

Lester Coolidge is confined to the house with very sore eyes at Walter Dole's.

Mrs. Mary J. Capen returned to her daughter's at Middle Intervale one day last week.

Frank Abbott is still doing there at C. A. Capen's.

Song

Women make a secret
Of their happiness;
Lest it be denied them
They will not confess.

Joy with them is hidden,
Spoken in their grief.
Thus they hope to hinder
Time, that lurking thief.

They will tell of terror,
Count the bleeding scars—
In their hearts are folded
Safe the golden years.

Women who are happy
Verily are wise.
They shall be forgiven
At their last item.

—Josephine Lawrence, in New York Sun.

Writer Describes Scene on Jap Passenger Train

A Japanese train in the height of originality and picturesque, says Arnold Cipolla in *La Simpa*. Everything is on a small scale—seats, baggage racks and equipment in general—as well as graceful, artistic and meticulously neat.

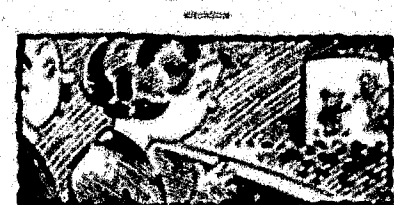
The dining car contained one low table down the center, along which were arranged little stools that seemed made for children. Japanese and European food was served, as the traveler desired. Chopsticks and knives and forks were equally in vogue.

The Nipponese-American menu was delectable in every sense of the word, but the prices were exceedingly high. As a rule, a European pays twice as much as a native, unless he is able to protest in Chinese or Japanese.

The train was full of Japanese soldiers in faultless uniforms and Japanese ladies in graceful kimonos, with huge obi bows behind. They did not impress me as attractive when seen in numbers for the first time, especially when tottering along with their jerky, short-step walk. But what marvelous coliforms!

A petty officer in the seat ahead of me requested a light from the cigarette of the lady next to him; and the elaborate series of graceful little movements that he made in taking and returning the cigarette were a masterpiece of gallantry.

Impossible



Mrs. Miriam Olson—This film isn't true to life.

Miriam—What's the matter with it?

Mrs. Olson—The subtitle reads, "Two weeks have elapsed" and that family still has the same maid.

What It Was Worth

He stood, apparently deep in thought, under the three golden balls which hung above the doorway of the shop.

Presently resolution came to him; he crossed the threshold and inquired of the proprietor: "How much will you give me for this coat?"

"A shilling," replied the pawnbroker, eyeing the shabby garment with undisguised contempt.

"Oh, make it 2 shillings," exclaimed the seedy one, "if you'll only take it for a shilling if the coat were yours?"

"Yes, and thank I'd done well."

"Ah, then, that's all right. Here's your bob. I found the coat outside, and brought it in to see how much it was really worth."—Toronto Globe.

Raven White

There is an ancient belief that the raven was originally white but was turned black for its disobedience. The Greek legend is that Apollo sent the bird to the fountain for water, but on arrival it found a fig tree with fruit so nearly ripe that it decided to wait until it was quite red; and, since an excuse for the delay was necessary, it brought back to the god a water snake in its pitcher with the explanation that the creature had drunk the fountain dew.

Since, partly from their association with hell, partly, too, from their lack of wit, ravens are almost universally regarded as of evil omen.

Among the ancient Egyptians and the Greeks of antiquity the raven was regarded as of evil omen, and the bird was used to indicate the death of a person.

Hard on the Ushers

Some night, some time, were introduced in a theatrical manner. He showed them over his house and told them some interesting things. Some strong objection was very noticeable.

"Ah," she gasped, "I think the theater is interesting."

He smiled and responded: "Oh, I'm sure you'll enjoy it."

"That's very nice."

"I'm surprised you don't go to the theater more often."

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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

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us in order that we may smell like men?"

The word "Johyias" is bitterly abhorred by Senators and Representatives. Ah, but the shoe is on the other foot when these gentlemen are out of office, because a majority of the lobbyists are former members of one or the other of the two branches of Congress.

A conservative in Congress is one who is apt to champion upholding and maintaining the traditions of Government.

A "radical" is one who always has improvements to offer. The statements are mostly all dead politicians, but there are a few of them left alive, and they are usually a cross between the conservative and the radical.

Considering all the restrictions placed on public men through the scares and searrows of politics, they do pretty well by the Government and their constituents.

PREVIOUS SHOCKS

One of the worst times Washington had in the Harding administration was with the coal strike. It was a terrible shock, and President Harding committed the matter to a commission—which gave former Vice President Marshall a job, and did considerable good besides.

People are apt to think that we never had troubles in Washington until Daugherty and oil began bothering us.

But there were other shocks, and there were other scandals. President Washington put down a whiskey rebellion by using troops, so that the present fight against booze is not entirely an original proposition. The scandal in connection with building the Washington monument shook the nation, and while we cannot recall the details it does seem, however, that somebody tried to graft a little on the raising of the obelisk. In the Hayes and Tilden days the charges were to the effect that someone was trying to steal the presidency. At other times it has been a fear that great natural resources would improperly pass into the hands of private ownership.

Through it all the Government has survived and improved, and like San Francisco has looked better after it got over each shock.

RADIOS FOR HOSPITALS

Washington is like the rest of the country—radio mad. There is more enthusiasm about radio than usually surrounds the affairs of a presidential election. Not only has Washington been having a big radio show that attracted everybody from cabinet officers to newsmen, but all kinds of shop windows are filled with radio articles that are for sale. Recently the famous "Roxxy" and his "gang" came to Washington from New York, and they visited the hospitals where they gave entertainments to the patients. "Roxxy" started a campaign to buy a radio receiving set for every hospital bed in Washington, including Walter Reed, and all places where war veterans are cared for. The movement has been so successful, that its object will doubtless be attained. This is one of the bright triumphs of radio in the interests of humanity, that should be taken up everywhere, in order that hospitals and their patients may have this great comfort in their lives.

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WESTERN ASSURANCE CO. CANADA

Assets, Dec. 31, 1923
Stocks and Bonds, \$3,217,582.91
Cash in Office and Bank, 685,079.37
Agents' Balances, 558,038.88
Interest and Rents, 46,093.67
All other Assets, 14,281.00

Gross Assets, \$4,501,080.83
Deduct items not admitted, 204,259.08
Admitted, \$4,296,821.77

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 966,671.00
Unearned Premiums, 1,836,441.84
All other Liabilities, 62,000.00
Cash Capital, 400,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,031,709.13

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,296,821.77
Crum & Forster, United States Managers
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CALEDONIAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Assets, Dec. 31, 1923
Stocks and Bonds, \$3,367,313.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 171,207.75
Agents' Balances, 613,741.88
Interest and Rents, 36,823.80
All other Assets, 78,440.71

Gross Assets, \$4,267,527.14
Deduct items not admitted, 28,540.14
Admitted, \$4,238,987.00

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 273,782.93
Unearned Premiums, 2,608,704.43
All other Liabilities, 124,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,332,499.64

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,238,987.00
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CALEDONIAN-AMERICAN INSURANCE CO., NEW YORK, N. Y.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1923
Stocks and Bonds, \$721,925.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 37,981.82
Agents' Balances, 71,406.19
Interest and Rents, 10,650.04
All other Assets, 7,865.81

Gross Assets, \$840,848.95
Deduct items not admitted, 2,803.91
Admitted, \$838,045.04

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 28,508.20
Unearned Premiums, 330,838.38
All other Liabilities, 14,000.00
Cash Capital, 200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 266,830.07

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$838,045.04
3-27-31-G

CITY OF NEW YORK INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW YORK

Assets, Dec. 31, 1923
Mortgage Loans, \$ 85,700.00
Stocks and Bonds, 4,213,615.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 361,655.32
Agents' Balances, 475,637.85
Interest and Rents, 36,616.00
All other Assets, 65,910.00

Gross Assets, \$4,232,063.00
Deduct items not admitted, 23,154.94
Admitted, \$4,208,908.06

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 317,507.00
Unearned Premiums, 1,764,734.00
All other Liabilities, 398,098.51
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 728,568.55

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,208,908.06
3-27-31-G

NORTH AMERICAN ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1923
Mortgage Loans, \$ 401,965.45
Collateral Loans, 1,300.00
Stocks and Bonds, 674,975.45
Cash in Office and Bank, 99,537.79
Agents' Balances, 55,501.03
Interest and Rents, 11,583.88
All other Assets, 188,571.44

Gross Assets, \$1,430,334.75
Deduct items not admitted, \$5,627.09
Admitted, \$1,424,707.66

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 231,368.71
Unearned Premiums, 610,722.31
All other Liabilities, 112,470.89
Cash Capital, 250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 187,135.85

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,424,707.66
3-27-31-G

GRANITE STATE FIRE INS. CO. FARMINGTON, N. H.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1923
Mortgage Loans, \$ 33,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 131,230.00
Agents' Balances, 126,419.43
Interest and Rents, 27,591.63
All other Assets, 12,871.17

Gross Assets, \$240,111.23
Deduct items not admitted, 10,237.08
Admitted, \$229,874.15

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 10,322.41
Unearned Premiums, 131,025.83
All other Liabilities, 47,666.63
Cash Capital, 200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 241,865.28

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$241,865.28
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MASSACHUSETTS FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE CO., BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Assets, Dec. 31, 1923
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,380,635.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 15,517.23
Agents' Balances, 29,936.77
Interest and Rents, 10,634.00
All other Assets, 6,742.23

Gross Assets, \$1,462,815.25
Admitted, \$1,462,815.25

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$161,504.36
Unearned Premiums, 183,000.32
All other Liabilities, 63,615.15
Cash Capital, 390,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 555,290.42

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,462,815.25
Stuart W. Goodwin, Agent, Norway, Maine.
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THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE INS. CO., LTD.

U. S. Branch Executive Office, 1 Park Square, New York, N. Y.
Metropolitan Office, 80 William St., New York City

Assets Dec. 31, 1923
Real Estate, \$1,356,202.24
Mortgage Loans, 1,338,664.68
Stocks and Bonds, 15,679,294.46
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,515,735.91
Agents' Balances, 2,522,045.20
Bills Receivable, 47,007.39
Interest and Rents, 160,610.09
All other Assets, 402,228.78

Gross Assets, \$21,071,727.80
Deduct items not admitted, 989,008.25
Admitted, \$20,082,719.55

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,815,271.62
Unearned Premiums, 11,890,430.69
All other Liabilities, 639,332.31
Surplus over all Liabilities, 6,260,781.83

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$20,082,719.55
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THE CONNECTICUT FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1923
Mortgage Loans, \$ 453,300.00
Collateral Loans, 10,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 11,536,648.33
Cash in Office and Bank, 696,354.60
Agents' Balances, 1,032,378.39
Bills Receivable, 151,000.34
Interest and Rents, 148,975.41
All other Assets, 35,429.09

Gross Assets, \$13,968,006.07
Deduct items not admitted, 114,432.26
Admitted Assets, \$13,853,573.81

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,018,344.14
Unearned Premiums, 7,341,177.21
All other Liabilities, 312,000.00
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 4,783,012.16

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$13,853,573.81
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THURSDAY

11:55 A. M.—Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports.

7:00 P. M.—Music talk by Robert Elisha Stanley Olmstead, professor of vocal music at Smith College. The subjects for tonight are: "Sacred Music; Oratorio; The Spirit of Worship."

7:30 P. M.—Bedtime story for the kiddies.

7:40 P. M.—Concert by Sylvia Glasser, pianist; Willard Clark, baritone; Benjamin Buxton, accompanist.

1—Piano group—
(a) "On Wings of Song" Mendelssohn-Liszt
(b) "Rondo Capriccioso" Mendelssohn

—Miss Glasser

2—Baritone group—
(a) "Where'er You Walk" Handel
(b) "Cradle Song" Mr. Clark

3—Piano group—
(a) "Nocturne" Chopin
(b) "Waltz B Flat" Chopin

—Miss Glasser

4—Baritone group—
(a) "Mondnacht" Halle
(b) "The Swan" Grieg

—Mr. Clark

5—Piano solo, "Scherzo B Flat" Chopin

—Miss Glasser

6—Baritone solo Selected
—Mr. Clark
(Eastern Standard time)

FRIDAY

11:55 A. M.—Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports.

6:00 P. M.—Dinner concert by the WBZ Orchestra. Program:
1—Fox trot, "Blue Rose"
2—"Woodland Sketches" MacDowell
3—Fox trot, "There's a Bend at the End of the Swanee"
4—Clarinet solo, Adagio, Spohr
Herbert Shumway

5—Fox trot, "Mean Blue"
6—Waltz, Honolulu Moon Kundo

7—Suite, "A Lover in Damascus" Woodford Plinden

8—Fox trot Selected
9—Fox trot, "Dramatized story prepared by The Youth's Companion; "Current Book Review," by R. A. Macdonald of the Court Square Book Store

7:30 P. M.—Bedtime story for the kiddies.

11:00 P. M.—Program of chamber music by the WBZ Orchestra and Mrs. Julia A. Maitson, soprano; Prof. A. Cerbonese, accompanist; Renee S. Valva, violinist. Program:
1—Waltz, "Lonesome and Blue" Tillman

WBZ Orchestra

2—Soprano solo, "Mad Scene from Lucia di Lammermoor" Donizetti

—Miss Maitson

3—Piano solo Selected
—Mr. Valva

4—Pizzicati (Sylvia) Delibes

WBZ Orchestra

5—Soprano solo, "Canto Nume" from "Rigoletto" Verdi

—Miss Maitson

6—Selection from "Martha" Flotow

WBZ Orchestra

7—Piano solo Selected
—Mr. Valva

8—Marchetta Scherzinger

WBZ Orchestra

SATURDAY

11:55 A. M.—Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston market reports.

6:50 P. M.—"The Use of It as a Radio Auxiliary Language," by O. C. Rice of Boston.

7:00 P. M.—Dinner concert by the Hotel Kimball Trio, transmitted from the Hotel Kimball during noon Jan. 1924, violinist and pianist, Angela Gleditsch, pianist, Paul Lawless, pianist

7:30 P. M.—Bedtime story for the kiddies.

The Citizens' Military Training Camps authorities at the Headquarters First Corps Area have received a formal application from John Coolidge, the son of the President to attend the camp which is to be held at Camp Devens, Mass., during August. John's application reads as follows:

"I apply for enrollment in the C. M. T. Camp, August 1-31, 1924. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations. State preference of branch of service—INFANTRY....."

I hereby certify that I am physically fit to undergo the training of the RED Course, and have suffered no illness or injury since last attendance at the Citizens' Military Training Camp.

Signature..... John Coolidge.....
Street and Number..... The White House, City and State..... Washington, D. C., .."

The President's younger son, Calvin Coolidge, Jr., has also applied for information and application blanks pertaining to the camp, stating that he too is interested in attending the camp this summer.

In accordance with John's request he will be assigned to the Red Infantry Course. This being Calvin, Jr.'s first year he will be required to undergo the usual physical examination, inoculation against typhoid fever and vaccination against smallpox before he can be accepted. As John attended camp last year he will be excused from this examination, as it is only required to be taken once in three years. If Calvin is accepted for the camp he will attend the Basic Course.

It will be very gratifying to New England parents whose boys contemplate attending Camp Devens this summer to know that the President's sons will also attend the New England

camp. The fact that the President of the United States has approved the decision of each of his two sons to attend the Citizens' Military Training Camp indicates his approval of these camps and his confidence in them as an agency to teach young Americans the right principles of sturdy Americanism.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to spend \$29,000,000 in 1924 for improvements in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

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Croatia and Its People



Croatian Men in Native Costumes.

Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.

Croatia is about to become an active partner in the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, after being a silent partner for nearly four years.

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That which serves all the people should be paid for by all the people. That which is paid for by all the people should be under the control of all the people.

These are self evident truths. We act by them when we build a Panama Canal, set aside and care for an area of natural beauty as a public park, give land to a transcontinental railroad, establish and run an Army and a Navy, and conduct a Postal System.

The entire Nation pays to build and maintain a Navy to protect New York and other seacoast cities. The people of a great many States never see a battleship during their entire lives. There is no valid objection to this, because everyone realizes that the capture or ruin of the seacoast cities would affect the entire Nation.

The same principle holds in the construction of a national system of good roads. The whole Nation will benefit vastly from good roads in increased prosperity, better education, and development of natural resources.

The money spent on rivers is all paid by the Federal Government from general taxation, yet this traffic is only a small fraction of the traffic along our improved highways, and its benefits are proportionately small.

To the farmer, a hard road means more than any other Federal activity, even the Postal Service. It is a convenience to get his mail promptly, but a good road makes it possible for him to run his farm or dairy at a much higher rate of production and greater profit, gives him and his family more of the comforts and luxuries of life, helps his children to get a better education, and raises his entire standard of living.

Why contend that roads, a public utility for all the people, should be left to different groups of people to develop, when Postal Service, Army, Navy and the projected superpower system are admitted to be national affairs.

FORGET PARTISAN POLITICS IN TAX QUESTION
President Coolidge, in his Lincoln Day New York speech on tax reduction said:

"If we had a tax whereby on the first working day the Government took 5 per cent of your wages, on the second day 10 per cent, on the third day 20 per cent, on the fourth day 30 per cent, on the fifth day 40 per cent, how many of you would continue to work on the last two days of the week? It is the same with capital. Surplus income will go into tax exempt securities. It will refuse to take the risk incidental to earning in business. This will reduce the rate which established business will have to pay for new capital, and result in a marked increase in the cost of living."

The high prices paid and low prices received on the farm are directly due to our unworkable method of taxation. I shall illustrate by a simple example: A farmer ships a steer to Chicago. His tax, the tax on the railroad transporting the animal, and of the yards where the animal is sold, go into the price of the animal to the packer. The packer's tax goes into the price of the hide to the New England shoe manufacturer. The manufacturer's tax goes into the price to the wholesaler, and the wholesaler's tax goes into the price to the retailer, who in turn adds his tax to his price to his purchaser. So it may be said that if the farmer ultimately wears the shoes he pays everybody's taxes from the farm to his feet.

It is essential, therefore, for the good of the people as a whole that we pay not so much attention to the tax paid directly by a certain number of the taxpayers, but we must devote our efforts to relieving the tax paid indirectly by the whole people.

The foregoing seems like good sense when we consider whether proposed by a Republican or a Democratic president. If the tax question could be considered as a business proposition affecting all the people equally and removed from the realm of selfish political motives, it would be a blessing to the American people.

Now such things will no longer be payed for by the people in order that the Federal Government may be able to pay for itself.

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WEST GREENWOOD
Leonard Armstrong spent the week end at W. A. Holt's.

Yella Harrington returned to her school in Hanover, Sunday.

Phyllis Campbell visited several days of last week at Mrs. Flanders' at Skillington.

Alister Lowe and son, Charles, were in town, recently.

School in this vicinity began Monday, March 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shaw are receiving congratulations over a baby girl born March 10th.

John Cummings has finished work for John Deegan and returned home.

Several attended the auction at Bethel, Saturday afternoon.

Charles Rainey is at home for a few days.

SOUTH BETHEL
Mrs. Guy Powers of South Paris is visiting relatives for a few days.

Miss Ethel Yorgie was at home over the week end from West Paris.

Mrs. Edgar Chase is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Thomas, for a few days.

Several in this vicinity are making maple syrup and they are reporting a good run of sap.

Emus Cross of Locke's Mills was in town one day last week.

Clayton Blake saved firewood for F. E. Brooke, Friday.

Miss Gertrude Walker has returned home after staying with relatives at South Paris for two weeks.

Edgar Cross was at Locke's Mills one day last week.

Charles Mason and Gerald Walker were at South Paris on business, Monday.

Harriet Blake has completed her duties at Mrs. Alice Farrington's at Locke's Mills and has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Maxim of Locke's Mills were in town Sunday.

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CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, Hammond, Indiana
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$190,000.00
Mortgage Loans, \$2,517,860.02
Collateral Loans, \$2,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$3,313,254.87
Cash in Office and Bank, \$37,910.04
Agents' Balances, \$3,276.09
Interest and Rents, \$147,758.96
All other Assets, \$3,408,165.03

Gross Assets, \$12,518,092.40
Deduct Items not admitted, \$39,192.11
Admitted, \$12,478,900.29
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,532,500.00
Unearned Premiums, \$1,109,833.58
All other Liabilities, \$1,097,107.41
Cash Capital, \$2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,000,000.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,180,500.29

NEW JERSEY FIDELITY & PLATE GLASS INS. CO.
Newark, New Jersey
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Mortgage Loans, \$1,061,530.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,029,806.72
Cash in Office and Bank, \$335,255.17
Agents' Balances, \$455,540.48
Interest and Rents, \$14,205.07
All other Assets, \$29,102.02

Gross Assets, \$2,762,860.04
Deduct Items not admitted, \$1,476.70
Admitted, \$2,761,383.34
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$773,357.74
Unearned Premiums, \$1,190,277.15
All other Liabilities, \$261,881.38
Cash Capital, \$800,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$665,807.58

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,097,185.92

THE FIDELITY & CASUALTY CO. OF NEW YORK
32-34 Liberty St., 7-10th
Cedar St., New York City
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$1,296,835.55
Mortgage Loans, \$2,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$2,790,377.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$253,193.94
Agents' Balances, \$3,055,872.87
Interest and Rents, \$770,807.20
All other Assets, \$143,472.50

Gross Assets, \$400,536,123.17
Deduct Items not admitted, \$1,480,931.28
Admitted, \$399,055,191.89
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,710,788.59
Unearned Premiums, \$2,850,083.09
All other Liabilities, \$1,777,824.52
Cash Capital, \$4,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$4,001,514.79

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$29,055,191.89

MARYLAND CASUALTY CO.
Baltimore, Md.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$2,790,337.57
Mortgage Loans, \$1,711,080.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$2,285,037.80
Cash in Office and Bank, \$1,295,702.42
Agents' Balances, \$4,342,160.23
Interest and Rents, \$55,438.70
All other Assets, \$17,076.23
Gross Assets, \$42,675,848.01
Deduct Items not admitted, \$94,299.35
Admitted, \$42,581,548.66
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,988,712.71
Unearned Premiums, \$2,107,775.33
All other Liabilities, \$2,109,041.15
Cash Capital, \$5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$6,900,120.04

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$32,081,548.66

SECURITY INSURANCE CO. OF NEW HAVEN
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$850,000.00
Mortgage Loans, \$1,000,000.00
Collateral Loans, \$15,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$6,035,412.57
Cash in Office and Bank, \$302,254.35
Agents' Balances, \$790,707.83
Interest and Rents, \$124,415.29
All other Assets, \$29,044.42

Gross Assets, \$8,507,848.09
Deduct Items not admitted, \$6,094.05
Admitted, \$8,501,754.04
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$453,845.79
Unearned Premiums, \$4,683,649.80
All other Liabilities, \$170,851.23
Cash Capital, \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$2,993,907.22

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$3,507,848.09

SCOTTISH UNION & NATIONAL INSURANCE CO.
Edinburgh, Scotland
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$181,842.05
Mortgage Loans, \$14,399.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$7,798,982.43
Cash in Office and Bank, \$71,107.82
Agents' Balances, \$536,121.31
Interest and Rents, \$110,718.37
All other Assets, \$3,967.81

Gross Assets, \$8,662,979.18
Deduct Items not admitted, \$1,492,124.29
Admitted, \$7,170,854.89
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$4,455,031.31
Unearned Premiums, \$2,740,000.32
All other Liabilities, \$200,000.00
Cash Capital, \$2,375,823.26
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$2,375,823.26

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$7,170,854.89

THE EAST & WEST INSURANCE CO. OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Mortgage Loans, \$370,500.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$733,850.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$1,925.38
Agents' Balances, \$48,072.83
Interest and Rents, \$11,544.17
All other Assets, \$247.05

Gross Assets, \$1,185,839.42
Deduct Items not admitted, \$0.00
Admitted, \$1,185,839.42
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$250,041.62
Unearned Premiums, \$105,031.78
All other Liabilities, \$15,700.00
Cash Capital, \$500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$485,196.02

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,185,839.42

MASSACHUSETTS ACCIDENT CO.
Boston, Mass.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Stocks and Bonds, \$722,495.50
Cash in Office and Bank, \$30,636.10
Agents' Balances, \$13,066.81
Bills Receivable, \$5,742.62
Interest and Rents, \$2,130.03
All other Assets, \$7,500.00

Gross Assets, \$796,130.05
Deduct Items not admitted, \$25,000.14
Admitted, \$770,496.91
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$383,447.96
Unearned Premiums, \$109,616.01
All other Liabilities, \$282,532.92
Cash Capital, \$200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$100,000.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$770,496.91

THE MASSACHUSETTS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.
Worcester, Mass.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$204,208.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$231,603.71
Cash in Office and Bank, \$69,704.92
Agents' Balances, \$6,342.74
Interest and Rents, \$50,487.79
All other Assets, \$5,391.29

Gross Assets, \$3,021,774.51
Deduct Items not admitted, \$40,526.51
Admitted, \$2,981,248.00
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$476,584.22
Unearned Premiums, \$1,222,551.47
All other Liabilities, \$40,124.61
Cash Capital, \$500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$711,087.80

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,981,248.00

FITCHBURG MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO.
Fitchburg, Mass.
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$30,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$348,015.58
Cash in Office and Bank, \$58,330.20
Agents' Balances, \$8,000.16
Interest and Rents, \$418.00
All other Assets, \$8,035.39

Gross Assets, \$475,423.33
Deduct Items not admitted, \$16,082.58
Admitted, \$459,340.75
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$257,940.75
Unearned Premiums, \$255,084.41
All other Liabilities, \$20,565.60
Cash Capital, \$100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$50,809.99

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$459,340.75

UNITED MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
111 Milk Street, Boston, Massachusetts
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Stocks and Bonds, \$800,330.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$7,325.68
Agents' Balances, \$5,442.51
Interest and Rents, \$11,135.94
All other Assets, \$141.40

Gross Assets, \$1,014,875.53
Deduct Items not admitted, \$19,056.36
Admitted, \$995,819.17
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
Net Unpaid Losses, \$323,874.74
Unearned Premiums, \$510,275.50
All other Liabilities, \$17,684.00
Cash Capital, \$100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$351,185.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,030,480.23

TRADERS AND MERCHANTS INSURANCE COMPANY
Lowell, Massachusetts
Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Mortgage Loans, \$743.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$504,750.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$24,217.77
Agents' Balances, \$2,780.50
Interest and Rents, \$503,221.70
All other Assets, \$22.00

Gross Assets, \$1,014,875.53
Deduct Items not admitted, \$19,056.36
Admitted, \$995,819.17
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923
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VIOL GWYN

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CHAPTER III—A hand in the young fellow, Viola, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER IV—Isaac, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER V—At Lafayette, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER VI—Ken came home and finds Rachel. He had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER VII—Ken and Rachel. He had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER VIII—Viola, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER IX—Ken, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER X—Ken, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER XI—Viola, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER XII—Lapelle, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER XIII—Viola, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER XIV—Ken, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

CHAPTER XV—Viola, who had heart. His grandparents up to hate the name of Rachel.

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VIOLA GWYN

George Barr McCutcheon

SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.—Kenneth Gwynne was five years old in the spring of 1812 when his father ran away from Kennebunk with Rachel Carter, a widow. They took with them Minda Carter, Rachel's baby daughter. In the fall Kenneth's mother died of a broken heart. His grandparents brought him up to hate the name of Rachel Carter, an evil woman.

CHAPTER I.—Kenneth, now a young lawyer, seeks lodging for the night at the farm of Phineas Striker, at Kennebunk, Me. It appears that Kenneth's father has recently died and that he is on his way to take possession of his father's lands. He has inherited the Kennebunk farm and a mortgage runs to his father's widow, the Rachel Carter. A small, middle-aged girl, who says she knew his father, well and refuses to give her name, is visiting the Strikers. Ken is much interested in her.

CHAPTER II.—In the morning the girl is gone. Striker tells Ken she was planning to elope with Barry Lapelle and her mother came in the night and took her home. As Ken goes on his way to Striker's home, he finds that the girl was Viola Gwyn, an old friend of his father.

CHAPTER III.—A handsome, dashing young fellow comes up and introduces himself as Barry Lapelle.

CHAPTER IV.—Isaac Stain, a farmer, gives Ken a message from Viola to call as soon as he reaches Lafayette.

CHAPTER V.—At Lafayette Ken sees his lawyer, Cornell, and the recorder, Bunker. It appears that the will of "Robert Gwynne" is in the hands of Arthur Gwynne, divides an extensive property between Ken and Rachel Carter. Viola is mentioned, but has decided not to contest.

CHAPTER VI.—Ken calls at Viola's home and finds Rachel instead of Viola. Rachel reveals the past, which nobody in Lafayette knows. Rachel tells him that Viola is not his father's daughter but Minda, her own daughter by her first husband. That Viola believes herself his half-sister. She puts Viola's future in his hands. Ken tells her he does not make war on women.

CHAPTER VII.—Ken and Viola meet and quarrel.

CHAPTER VIII.—Viola tells her mother she is going to marry Lapelle. Rachel says she wants her money and tells her she will disinherit her.

CHAPTER IX.—Ken meets Viola with Lapelle. They make up their quarrel. He realizes he is in love with her and bound hand and foot by the double secret of mother and daughter. He decides to go away. Stain tells him that Lapelle is planning to abduct Viola.

CHAPTER X.—Ken resolves to stay in Lafayette, moves into a house and runs Ken's office. He calls on Ken and volunteers to help him in furnishing his new home, close to her own. He is charming.

CHAPTER XI.—Lapelle has gone down the river to tell Rachel that a man named Jasper Ruggs has put in an appearance and says he has seen her. He tells her he is in the cabin of Hawk, a disreputable crew of Lapelle.

CHAPTER XII.—Lapelle returns. He has been drinking. He and Viola quarrel over Ken. Viola tells him she has changed her mind and will never marry him.

CHAPTER XIII.—Viola realizes that her love for him is not that of a sister. Ken tells her the plot to abduct her.

She sighed—here her lip trembled—"and she has been left to pay the penalty alone. It may sound strange to you, but my mother was also deserted by your father. God let him die, but I can't help feeling that it wasn't fair, it wasn't right for him to die and leave her to face the pit alone."

"And you want to know where I stand in the matter?"

"It makes no difference, Kenny. I only want you to understand. I don't want to lose you as a friend—I would like to have you stand up and take your share of the—"

"And that is just what I intend to do," he broke in. "We occupy strange positions, Viola. We are—shall I say birds of a feather? This had to come. Now that it has come and you know all that I know, are we to turn against each other because of what happened when we were babies? We have done no wrong. I love you, Viola—I began loving you before I found out you were not my half-sister. I will love you all my life. Now you know where I stand."

She looked straight into his eyes for a long time; in her own there was something that seemed to search his soul, something of wonder, something groping and intense as if her own soul was asking a grave, perplexing question. A faint, slow surge of color stole into her face. "I must go in the house now," she said, a queer little flutter in her voice. "After dinner I am going down with mother to see Moll Hawk. If you mean all that you have just said, Kenny, why did you refuse to shake hands with me?"

He withdrew his bruised right hand from his hiding place. "It is an ugly thing to look at but I am proud of it," he said. "I would give it for you a thousand times over."

"Oh, I'm—I'm sorry I misjudged you—"

She cried out. Then both her hands closed on the unsightly memento and pressed it gently, tenderly. There was that in the touch of her arm, strong fingers that sent an electric shock racing into every fiber in his body. "I will never question that hand again, Kenny," she said, and then, releasing it, she turned and walked rapidly away.



"And You Want to Know Where I Stand in the Matter?"

He stood watching her until she ran nimbly up the porch steps and disappeared inside the house. Whereupon he lifted the swollen but now blessed knuckles to his lips and sighed profoundly.

"Something tells me she still loves Barry, in spite of everything," he muttered, suddenly lowered in gloom. "Women stick through thick and thin. If they once love a man they never—"

"Hinner's ready, Marse Kenneth," announced Zachariah from the door-step.

CHAPTER XXI

The Flight of Martin Hawk.

Now, Martin Hawk was not a patient man. He collected his radiator again for some word from Barry Lapelle in response to the message, and, receiving none, felt the very gears of his mind turning. He was determined to go to the house and see for himself. He was sure that he was being deceived. He was sure that he was being deceived. He was sure that he was being deceived.

At the evening were on, Martin became more and more convinced that his life wasn't worth a pinch of salt, and so began to pray loudly and lustily. The crowd had increased to alarming proportions. In the light of torches and lanterns he recognized men from far off Grand Prairie, up to the northwest of town. Wagon wheels rumbled past the jail and courthouse and were lost in the darkness of the streets beyond. He was astonished to see that most of these vehicles contained women and children and many of them were loaded high with household goods. This thought Martin was the apex of attention. People were coming from the four corners of the world to witness his execution.

He had no means of knowing, of course, that he was dividing the honors, so to speak, with another and far more imposing rascal—the terrible Black Hawk. How was he to know, locked up in jail, that all evening long pandemonium was being piling into town because of the report that hands of Black Hawk's warriors had been seen by reputable settlers along the upper edge of the prairie?

Like reports had been filtering into town for several days, but not much credence had been given them. Indian scares were not uncommon, and for the most part people had scoffed at them. But now there was an actual threat from the powerful Black Hawk, whose headquarters were up along the Rock river. In the northern part of Illinois. The chieftain had at last thrown down the gauntlet; he had refused to recognize the transfer of lands and rights as laid down by the government and had openly announced his intention to fight. Already troops from the forts were on the move, and there was talk of the state militia being called out. Some of the leading spirits in Lafayette had been moved to organize a local company.

Naturally, Martin Hawk knew nothing of all this. He knew, through Simon Braley, that Indian troubles were bound to come, but how was he to know that redskins in war paint had been seen on the Grand Prairie, or that he was not the only subject of conversation? All he knew was that if the Lord didn't take a hand pretty soon he would be—Well, it was useless to fix his mind on any particular form of destruction, so many and so varied were the kinds being disputationally considered by the people in the street.

Suddenly the sound of life and drum smote upon his ear, coming from somewhere up the street. He huddled down in a corner and began to moan. He knew the meaning of that signal. They were organizing for a rush upon the jail—an irresistible, overwhelming charge that would sweep all opposition before it. Then he heard the shouting of many feet, loud exclamations and an occasional cheer. Finally he screwed up the courage for another cautious peep through the bars. The crowd was moving off up the street. A small group remained undecided near a bonfire in the courthouse yard. One of these men held a long rope in his hand, and seemed argumentative.

Martin listened with all ears, trying to catch what was being said. What an infernal noise that life and drum were making! At last the little knot of men moved away from the fire, coming toward the window. Martin, being a wary rascal, promptly ducked his head, but kept his ears open.

"It's a trick, that's what it is," he heard some one growl. "A trick to get us away from the jail. They know we'll get him, sure as God made little apples, so they've fixed this up to—"

"Well, what if it is a trick?" broke in another. "It ain't going to work. The crowd'll be back here again inside of ten minutes, and all the sheriff's constables in the state can't stop us from taking him out an' stringin' him up."

"We might as well go and see what's up," said another. "I guess he's where he'll keep. He'll be here when we come back. Bill. He can't get out till we open the door, so what's the use cussin' about ten or fifteen minutes' delay? Come on! I don't take any stock in this talk about Indians, but, great snakes, if they want to get up a company to go out and—"

The rest of the remark was lost on Martin when the group turned the corner of the jail.

"Ten or fifteen minutes," he groaned. In ten or fifteen minutes the whole town would be out there, breaking down the door—the work of a few seconds. There were two rooms, or compartments, to the jail: a little anteroom and the twelve-by-sixteen foot "cage," of which he was the sole occupant. Suddenly he stopped as if shot. A tremendous idea struck him, and for a moment his head spun dizzily. If it was so damned easy to break into the jail, why should it be so all-fired difficult to break out of it? Why, he hadn't even tried the door, or the bars in the window; now that he thought of it the grate in the south window had appeared to be a little shaky. Inspired by a wild, offhand hope, he sprang over to the window and gripped the iron bars, with all his might and main he looked, braving his feet against the wall. No need. It would come just so far and go farther. He tried the other window, with equal less encouraging results. In eight or ten minutes now, the crowd would be at his door, he had said. He had said it. He had said it. He had said it.

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He Had Shoved a Trembling Hand Between the Bars.

where the drum and life were playing and men were shouting loudly.

Thereupon Martin Hawk did the incomprehensible thing. He squared his brawny shoulders, set his feet firmly on the floor, and sauntered out of the jail, calmly stopping to latch the door—and even to rattle it to make sure it had caught!

He was far too cunning to dart around the corner and bolt for safety. That would have been the worst kind of folly. Instead, he strode briskly off in the direction from whence came the strains of martial music! So much for the benefit of watchful, suspicious eyes. But as he turned the corner of Baker's store his whole demeanor changed. He was off like a frightened rabbit, and as self-footedly. Three men stepped out from behind a wagon on the far side of the square. The glare of a lantern reached dimly to the corner around which the fugitive had hurried. One of the men gave vent to a subdued snarl, and then spat hurriedly and copiously.

"We'll never see him nor half of him again," quoth he. "He won't stop running till daybreak. I guess you'd better wait about ten minutes, Jake, and then fire a few shots. That'll put new life into him. (course, a lot of blamed fools will miss the daylight out of me for letting him get away right under my nose, and all that, but let 'em talk. He's gone for good, and you can bet on that—and the county's lucky to get rid of him so cheaply."

"I guess you're right, sheriff," agreed one of his companions. "From all I hear, Marse Gwyn would have a hard time proving it was him as stole Hawk."

"Supposin' she did prove it, what then?" broke in the sheriff of the ballistics. "The county would have to feed him for a couple of months or so and then turn him loose again to go right back to doin' the same as before. The best way to punish a thief, according to my notion, is to keep him everlastingly on the jump, scared to death to show his face anywhere and always hatin' to go to sleep for fear he'll wake up and find somebody pointin' a pistol at him and sayin', 'Well, I got you at last, dank ye.' Besides, lookin' Mart up isn't goin' to bring back Marse Gwyn's sheep, is it?"

"When that gal of his tells her story in court tomorrow," advanced the third member of the group, "there'll be plenty of people in this town that won't be put to rest a second time by any life and drum shakin'."

"Anyhow," said the sheriff, "I didn't want to have the blamed skunk on my mind while we're organizin' the company. It's had enough barkin' to go out and fight Indians without worryin' all the time I'm away about whether anybody back here has had sense enough to keep Martin from starvin' to death. I guess we'd better make along up to the drill ground, boys. Martin's got into the bushes by this time, and if I'm any kind of a guesser he ain't deadlin' along with 'em every spring down he comes."

"What you think you'd better go over and take a look around the jail first?"

"What first? These ol' copses in it?"

"No, but like as not the doggedest whelp run off with that pack, and we ought to know it before he gets too big a run. Lookin' most copses explained the other, with a dry chuckle and a dig in the sheriff's ribs. "So do you mind," was the rejoinder of this remarkable sheriff.

And thus it came to pass that between the sheriff and Kenneth Gwynne and Moll Hawk, the county got rid of three turbulent individuals. One rode forth in broad daylight on a matchless thoroughbred; another stole off like a wren in the night, and the third took passage on the ship that Never Returns.

CHAPTER XXII

The Trial of Moll Hawk.

The trial of Moll Hawk was a brief one. The foreman of the jury asked permission of the court to make a few remarks before the taking of testimony began.

"Your honor, this here jury got together last night and sort of talked things over while Mr. Benbridge and other patriotic citizens of Lafayette were engaged in organizing a number of noble and benevolent gentlemen like a company of soldiers to see him."

to the bloodthirsty red man who is about to swoop down upon us, with tommyhawk and knife and rifle."

"He will ravage our lands and pillage our women—er—I mean pillage our lands and—er—so forth. As I was saying, your honor, we talked it over and seeing as how we have all enlisted in Mr. Benbridge's troop and he sort of thought we'd better begin drillin' as soon as possible, and also seeing as how this here trial is attractin' a good deal of attention at a time when we ought to be thinkin' of the safety of our wives and children—if we have any—we came to the conclusion to address you, sir, with all respect, and suggest that you instruct the counsel on both sides to be as lenient as possible with the jury."

"This here innocent girl's father broke out of jail and got away. As far as this here jury knows he ain't likely ever to come back, so, for the time being at least, there don't seem to be anybody we can hang for the crime with which the prisoner at the bar is charged. This jury was picked with a great deal of care by the sheriff and is, I am reliably informed, entirely satisfactory to both sides of the case."

"In view of the fact that Black Hawk's warriors are reported to have been seen within twenty miles of our beautiful little city, and also in view of the additional fact that Mrs. Rachel Gwyn, one of our foremost citizens and taxpayers, has recently informed me—and your honor also, I believe, in my presence—that she intends to give this poor girl a home as soon as she is lawfully discharged by the jury as not guilty, we, the jury, implore your honor to keep an eye on the clock. As we understand the case, there were only two witnesses to the killing of the villain against whom this young woman fought so desperately in self-defense. One of 'em is here in this courtroom. The other is dead and buried. It is now ten minutes past nine. We, the jury, would like for you to inform the counsel on both sides that at precisely ten o'clock we are going to render a verdict, because at a quarter past ten the majority of us have to attend a company drill. The lawyer for the prisoner enlisted last night as a private in our company, and so did the prosecuting attorney."

"This is a most unusual and unprecedented action on the part of a jury," said the court gravely. "However, in view of the extraordinary circumstances, I feel that we should be as expeditious as possible in disposing of the case on trial. Gentlemen, you have heard the remarks of the foreman of the jury. Have either of you any reason for objecting to the suggestion he has made? Very well, then; we will proceed with the trial of Mary Hawk, charged with murder in the first degree. Call your first witness, Mr. Prosecutor."

The little courtroom was jammed to its capacity. Hundreds, unable to gain admission, crowded about the entrance and filled the square. The town was in the throes of a vast excitement, what with the trial, the Indian uprising in the north, the escape of Martin Hawk and the night of Barry Lapelle, hitherto regarded as a rake but not even suspected of actual dishonesty. The Paul Revere, with Captain Red-berry in charge, had got away at daybreak, loaded to the rails with footloose individuals who suddenly had decided to try their fortunes elsewhere rather than remain in a district likely to be overrun by savages.

Moll Hawk sat in front of the judge's table and at her side was Kenneth Gwynne. Mrs. Gwyn and Viola occupied seats on a bench near one of the windows, facing the jury. The prisoner was frightened. Her deep-set eyes darted restlessly, even warily, about her as she sat there in the midst of this throng of strange, stern-faced men.

The prosecuting attorney, a young man of slender experience but chivalrous instincts, called the undertaker to the stand.

"In as few words as possible tell the jury who it was that you buried yesterday afternoon."

"Jasper Ruggs."

"Was he dead?"

"He was."

"That's all your honor?"

"Any questions, Mr. Gwynne?" inquired the judge.

"None, your honor."

"Call your next witness, Mr. Prosecutor."

"Mr. Sheriff, will you take the stand for a moment? Will you see the defendant about four o'clock yesterday morning?"

"I did."

"State where?"

"At her father's cabin."

"What was the matter?"

"This defendant had had a little difficulty with the corpse, and he was dead on the floor when we got there."

"From a knife wound?"

"Yes, sir."

"Who inflicted that wound, if you know?"

"Miss Mary Hawk."

"You are sure about that, Mr. Sheriff?"

"Positively."

"How can you be sure of that, sir, if you did not witness the deed with your own eyes?"

The court rapped on the table.

"This is your own witness, Mr. Prosecutor. Are you trying to cross-examine him, or to discredit his testimony?"

"I beg your honor's pardon."

Kenneth arose. "We will admit that Jasper Ruggs came to his death at the hands of the defendant."

"In that case," said his gentlemanly adversary, "the state rests."

"Call your first witness, Mr. Gwynne."

"This state, if you please, Moll Hawk. Hold up your right hand and be sworn."

After a few preliminary questions he said: "Now tell the court and the jury exactly what happened, beginning with the return of your father and Jasper Ruggs from a trip to town. Don't be afraid, Miss—er—Moll. Tell the jury, in your own words, just what took place between the time you first heard Ruggs and your father talking in the cabin and the arrival of the sheriff and his men."

It took just three minutes of ten o'clock when she finished her story. It had been delivered haltingly and with visible signs of embarrassment at times, but it was a straightforward, honest recital of facts.

"Any questions, Mr. Prosecutor?"

"None, your honor. The state does not desire to present argument. It is content to submit its case to the jury without argument, asking only that a verdict be rendered fairly and squarely upon the evidence as introduced. All we ask is justice."

"Any argument, Mr. Gwynne?"

"None, your honor. The defense is satisfied to leave its case entirely in the hands of the jury."

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the court, glancing at the clock, "the court will omit its instructions to you, merely advising you that if you find the prisoner guilty as charged your verdict must be murder in the first degree, the penalty for which is death."

The foreman leaned over and picked up his hat from the floor. Then he arose and announced:

"We, the jury, find the defendant not guilty."

"Prisoner discharged," said the court, arising. "The court desires to thank the jurors for the close attention you have paid to the evidence in this case and for the prompt and just verdict you have returned. Court stands adjourned."

Later on Moll Hawk walked up the hill with Mrs. Gwyn and Viola. Very few words had passed between them since they left the curious but friendly crowd in the public square. Finally Moll's dubious thoughts found expression in words, breaking in upon the detached reflections of her two companions.

"I don't see why they let me off like that, Moll Gwyn. I killed him, didn't I?"

"Yes, Moll—but the law does not convict a person who kills in self-defense. Didn't you understand that?"

"But supposin' I was starvin' to death an' I stole a ham like God Grillew did last fall when his pa an' ma was sick, wouldn't that be self-defense? They put him in jail for two months, jest for stealin' a ham when he hadn't had nothin' to eat for three days—been crippled an' couldn't work. Was that fair?"

"Don't forget, Moll," said Rachel ironically, "that Henry Grillew valued his ham at seventy-five cents."

"Anyhow, he don't seem right an' fair," said Moll. "I didn't have to kill Jasper to save my life. I could have saved it without killin' him."

"You did perfectly right in killin' him, Moll," broke in Viola warmly. "I would have done the same thing if I had been in your place."

Moll shuddered over this for a few seconds. "Well, maybe you might have had to do it, Miss Viola, if them fellows had got away with you as they was plannin' to do," she said.

"Silence!" Moll's father's stern voice, broken after a while by Moll.

"They'll never catch Pop," she said. "I guess I'll never lay eyes on him again. I was just wonderin' what's goin' to become of his dog. Do you suppose anybody'll take the trouble to feed him?"



It Was a Straightforward, Honest Recital of Facts.

When he was safely out of hearing distance, Toby turned to the man at his side and remarked:

"If what Barry Lapelle told me and Jack Trentman yesterday morning is true, there'll be the dearest girl in the town ever born."

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IMPORTANCE OF GOOD COMPANY

With most of us it is only late in life that one eyes are opened to the importance of good company. The best thing never becomes the straight grained board, and though the rat on the beach line is a wide black scar, let us then choose good companions. From infancy on, the things that our eyes and ears and gifts, that they see, hear and read, shape their lives for better or worse.

We cannot, it is true, keep them out of our work of all communications through companions and the printed word, but when choice lies with us let us get them to families contact with the best in life and literature. You know when you play The Youth's Companion to their hands that they are interesting companions that will be a source of strength, wisdom and serenity of mind all through life. The ideals of The Companion thus into shape extract much that is offered to youth today. To contribute to the passing of the Companion through the hands of happy is another. This has been the aim of The Companion for many generations.

The cost of this week is up more than that of other magazines. \$2.50 per year. (L. L. Brown, Agent, Bethel, Me.)

BETHEL, MAINE

Miss J. P. Williams has gone to Waterville, Me., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

James Thompson came home from New York Saturday night, looking like a winner.

Frank Heath was married to Helen in the first week of the past month. George McArthur has had the "pink eye" and was not able to work during the week.

SQUABLOWS ORATORY

VA. PUBLIC BUSINESS
Squablos was married three months and has not yet given the people what they want. He is a big fellow and is not a good one.

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GOOD ROADS

Michigan Girl's Essay in Safety Competition

Best essayist of more than 400,000 elementary school pupils, Theodora Poole, thirteen-year-old school girl of Pontiac, Michigan, now residing at Lansing, Michigan, is announced as winner of the second national safety essay contest conducted under the auspices of the Highway Education Board.

As a reward she receives a gold watch and a trip to Washington with all expenses paid, awards offered at the beginning of the contest for the essay winning first national honors. Her prizes are the gifts of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Poole's essay is as follows:
In a game each person has his part to play. Let us think of the task of making a nation safe as a game in which each has his place to fill and his part to do.

One might suppose we children have very little to do with the safety of our nation, but we are the coming generation and in our time shall uphold better and safer highways.

As in a game, there are rules to follow. These things we must do:
Always observe traffic before crossing a street.

When walking on a road keep to the left to meet on-coming vehicles. Learn automobile signals to know what a motorist means to do.

When alighting from a street car stand until sure of a safe way to the curb.

Help those in need.
Keep close to the curb when riding a bicycle, and give correct signals when turning.

Thus we shall spread our safety interest and information.
Now come the things we must not do, rules just as important if we are to play the safety game.

Don't hurry! Most accidents are caused by the desire to save a few seconds.
Never play in the streets nor dash before moving vehicles.

Never jaywalk.
Never steal rides.
Never make a blind dash across a thoroughfare.

Never stand in the street while waiting for a car—you are safer on the curb. One cannot always stand on his rights.

A child's part in this safety game is to keep from being "tagged" by an automobile. In the many automobile accidents in which the driver is blameless, a pitifully large number of children are victims.

Then there are always drivers who consider that responsibility ceases with the leaving of the horn. Since we stand less firmly than a telephone pole we had better be out of their way.

Our code is a code of honor. No body can make us play fair. Our schools foster athletics to encourage clean effort. More important than ordinary athletics is the game in which we save the sorrow of accidents and loss of life. If I could feel that by joining this safety team I had saved one little child, I would consider my effort better spent than if I had won highest honors in athletics.

These things children can do. It is because of the splendid foresight of our elders that we are having these things laid before us while we are of an age when it is easy to learn. Much time, money, and thought are being spent to teach us safer ways. And if we become men and women who think safety and act safely we shall have a nation of happier and safer people.

"Always Be Careful!"

To Prevent Automobile

Accidents by Low Walls

The Long Island railroad is building an approach to one of its grade crossings that, it hopes, will prevent automobile accidents. As the motorist approaches the crossing, low concrete walls force him to bear gradually to the right, then in order to get over the railway to make a sharp turn first to the left, then to the right again. As five miles an hour is as fast as the turn can be made, drivers will have time to look for on-coming trains. The cost of the low walls is trivial.

Accidents Prevented by

Keeping Highways Open

To prevent accidents by keeping the roads open for two-way traffic, parking of vehicles of all descriptions is prohibited on all state highways in Pennsylvania. Motorists are not permitted to stop at the foot of a hill, even if a hill, or any portion of a road. A fine of \$10 to \$25 is provided for each violation of the rule.

Simple Road in Norway

A simple road of paved road 14 feet wide is to be constructed in Norway. This is not wide enough for the traffic under present conditions. A 10-foot roadway is under for all conditions.

Work for Auto Makers

All the automobile makers who are reducing the price of their cars ought to get together and agree not to use any more of the old-fashioned open-top design.

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WHY

Magnetic Machine Is Used to Pack Nails.

It is reported that a Swiss inventor has produced a machine that by magnetism arranges nails in parallel layers ready for packing. It works on the principle that all linear iron objects in a magnetic field arrange themselves automatically in the direction of the lines of force. The machine can also be used to arrange wire rods, hairpins, knife blades, pens and fishhooks. The packages to be filled by the machine may be the standard type of nail keg, wooden boxes or paper cartons. It is probable that the time-saver machine will supersede the old-fashioned nail keg, because it costs less, weighs less and is more convenient.

The machine consists of two parts—parallelizing platform and a feed trough above it, which is fitted with a shaking mechanism. The articles to be packed are poured into the feed trough in lots of about 1,000 pounds, and by the action of the shaking mechanism, are moved to the front of the trough, whence they drop into the parallelizing platform. That consists of a tray, each side of which forms one pole of an electromagnet. The articles as they fall are drawn into the direction of the magnetic lines of force, which adjust them at once in parallel lines.

Book Tells How to

Break Monte Carlo

Edwin Roberts Herford, brother of Lord Decies, is the author of a book of 60 pages, only one-third of an inch thick. The price is 21 shillings, which is at the rate of 63 shillings an inch.

Its title is "The Future of Monte Carlo. A Method Explaining Whereby the Bank Must Fall."

"The intention," he writes, "is not to put forward a new system in opposition to the bank, but to invert all that has gone before in so far as to compel the bank to take the place of the system manager."

He showed how a number of players working in concert, may force the bank to play one of the famous systems, such as that devised by Labouchere.

The Herford system, he declares, may be played by people with as little as £30 or £40 apiece, for "with so small a reserve many would lose their all! A few, however, would probably win heavily. One solitary winner could easily win an amount in excess of the losses of all the others." He claims that if every one followed the Herford method Monte Carlo would be out of business in six months.

Hon. S. R. Herford is manager of two shipping associations and a famous swimmer and trap shooter. He lives in New York and London and has played cricket for Middlesex.—London Times.

Why Soiled Clothing Harms

The skin acts as a heat regulating apparatus through evaporation of perspiration, and thus reduces body heat. It also serves in some measure to eliminate the wastes of the body in the form of secretions. Perspiration and secretions are absorbed by clothing, and bits of dead skin are continually being rubbed off, to find their way into the meshes of the fabric. After a time the limit of absorption by the clothing is reached; its pores become clogged. The clothing begins to have a damp, sticky, oily feeling. If it has been starched the garment becomes flaky. In this condition if clothing is not actually dirty it is at least unwholesome to wear. It prevents proper absorption and evaporation of moisture from the body and thus actually increases its warmth in summer and its cold in winter. It is a matter of common experience to mothers and nurses that the fretting of a small child may sometimes be due to clothing that has become damp and sticky with wear. A change in clean garments gives the needed relief by furnishing a fresh absorbing surface.

Typewriter Vs. Linotype

The typewriter record for speed maintained for an hour is 131 words a minute, which amounts to 7,950 words per hour. On linotype machines the record is 140 words a minute, which amounts to 8,400 words per hour, but less on look work, or work involving foreign languages. The word average might be estimated at 120 to 300 words per hour.

Origin of "Baker's Dozen"

The reason 13 is called a "baker's dozen" is as follows: In medieval times bakers were kept and the right of the law, and severe penalties were provided for any shortage in weight or measure. In order to avoid any possibility of falling below the standard, the bakers got into the way of allowing an extra loaf with every dozen.

Why Grains in Wood Vary

The grain in wood depends upon the width and density of the rings formed by the growth of the tree. Where the rings are wide the wood is known as soft. Grains of wood are made of cellulose and are capable of taking a high polish.

How Many Miles of Rivers?

It is estimated that there are on the continent of the United States about 3,000 miles of navigable rivers, 2,000 miles of roads, some thousands of miles of regularly watered waters to lakes and bays and more than 2,000 miles of canals, bays and harbors.

REPAIR NOW SHADE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES INJURED BY STORM

The extensive injury and destruction of trees of all kinds during the recent storm has brought many inquiries to the United States Department of Agriculture regarding the proper methods to be followed in repairing the damage done. The following suggestions are made by the department.

The first thing that should be done is to remove such large broken branches as are now, or may become, a menace to life and property; this is usually best done by cutting at the point where broken. Attention should then be given to injuries on the main trunk. If limbs have been split, or partially split, from the main trunk, all splintered wood about the wound should be removed with a sharp gouge and mallet, if not so situated that it can be saved off. The scar should be smoothed in the manner indicated in Farmers' Bulletin 1178, Tree Surgery, and treated as an open cavity, or as a large surface wound as the case may necessitate.

Attention should next be given to repairing the injuries on the larger branches in a similar manner, and last of all to the smaller branches. Sometimes when a limb is broken away the tree is so weakened at the point of breakage that it may again break in a severe wind, and to obviate this the top must be pruned back more or less severely. In case of split crotches, the advice given in Farmers' Bulletin 1178 should be followed regarding the general treatment, including bolting through and above the crack.

In cases of estates where a great amount of injury has occurred, and only for repairing the damage, the final cutting of long stumps can be conveniently a comparatively small force is available left for a time, but wounds or breaks on the main trunk, or close to it, should be attended to promptly.

It is not necessary to fill cavities. It is better in most cases to leave them open. All final cuts should be immediately covered with some good antiseptic and waterproof paint. It will not be necessary to especially treat the ends of long stumps that are to be removed close to the trunk later in the season.

In no part of repair work should climbing spurs be used on a tree. Spur marks cause injuries through which it is possible for disease and decay germs to enter and cause damage, in some cases more severe than would have developed from the original simple break.

For details of treatment of all scars and wounds send for a copy of Farmers' Bulletin 1178, which can be obtained from the Office of publications, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Remember that prevention is better than cure. The open wound of today becomes the decayed spot of next year and the deep rotten cavity of 10 years from now. It is better to spend a few days or dollars in careful repair work now than hundreds of dollars for extensive tree surgery in 1939.

STREET CARS MOST RELIABLE

Something new in the battle between street cars and auto buses has developed in Emporia, Kansas, says the Blount City News, Daily Tribune. In recent years the fact that the electric railway company of Emporia "has offered to pay the city for tearing up its rails and repairing the pavement, if the city will agree to the substitution of bus service for street car service."

Emporia is probably the first city in the United States to be faced with making the decision for or against buses or street cars. In the meantime Manchester, England, after thorough consideration of the subject, has decided through a committee appointed by the municipal government, that street car transportation is more practical than any other system available at the present time.

Points made in the report which it held to apply to conditions in any city, give the street cars credit for carrying more passengers, keeping them all under cover, better average speed over reasonably long routes and greater reliability. A street car will render as much service to the public, it is held, as three or four buses. In fog or deep snow the bus is held up while the street car goes on, says the report. Expense alone would prevent bus lines ever being able to give adequate service to the public during the time of such traffic. Street cars are held to carry passengers farther at the same fare, an advantage to users and taxpayers, it is decided.

As evidence of this, witnesses the New York and Chicago bus lines, the largest in this country, which have a ten-cent fare for much shorter hauls than can be secured on street railways, highways or elevated lines in the same cities.

William J. Budd, president of the American Electric Railway Association, points out that the average fare of American street railways is 7.14 cents with a tendency toward lower fares.

Buses tear up street paid for at such an expense, while electric buses by their own tracks and street and pay fares on the same. It is probable that four buses will be ready to junk their electric service buses without further thought on the subject and some guarantee for upkeep of their street.

SONNETS FROM THE HILLS OR THE WANDERING SPIRIT

My dwelling house sits by the side of road,
And it faces a sloping hill
Where I love to watch the wavering grass
When the wind blows soft and still.

At the foot of the hill, there is a brook
That is always murmuring.
Sometimes it seems to be words it says
And sometimes it seems to sing!

By the banks of the brook there are
chokeberry bushes
And alders that grow up high,
That screen the brook from the wide
State road

And the careless passers by,
Who never know of the homes that are
built
High up in the trees' lip top
Where the breezes are cool among the
leaves.

When the sun is scorching hot,
Yes, I love you, my sweet little brook,
With your waters of wonderful hue,
For forget-me-not, blue flag and violets
All blend their color with you!

And I love the songs of the birds
At evening when all is still;
The catbird, the robin and cuckoo,
And sometimes the whippoorwill.

And up in the wavering grassland
The hootlark sings all the day
With his notes of sweetness like honey,
O'er the hillside he holds his sway,

And, just across on that hillside
I've a friend that I've never seen,
But she'll answer whenever I call
So she's real, and yet but a dream!

Perhaps you may know her too,
For they call her "Echo," you see;
But whatever I am she's the same
So she must be a part of me!

If I'm happy, she says "happy" to,
If I'm sad, she will answer me "sad."
She will laugh when I laugh (the shy
little elf)

And she's sad when I say I am sad,
Mythology says she is only a Voice
Perpetually doomed to roam,
That she'll live forever and ever,
And will always wander alone.

This I do know, she's living yet
(Though her form I never can see),
So I call her my Wandering Spirit
And she's very dear to me.

Malvina C. Abbott
Upton, March 17, 1924

NEWRY

Mrs. L. Bartlett of Bethel is staying a few days with friends in town. Our stage is now on wheels again. Percy Walker of South Paris is in town.

Leslie Corbett is at work in Skillings' mill at North Newry.
Mrs. Mary Moore visited Mrs. Corbett a few days last week.
Marian Learned visited at H. S. Hastings last week.

Mrs. Carrie French went to Bethel last Tuesday, returning Saturday.

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Hester A. Bartlett, Maine, sixty daughter of the late Bartlett.

In her young years the wife of Caly this union four children, Sherman, Tibbetts) and a greater part of the been spent in all of these years.

Bethel, where Mr. Perry, and two years, Vernon Street in She leaves, be family, five brothers and Benjamin Bartlett of Bethel of Norway; two of of Upton and Mr. Norway. One brother of Norway, and Lombard of Hartford years ago.

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